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Town Targets New Building Inspector

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

The Mattapoisett Select Board met with David Riquinha, the current candidate for the position of director of Inspectional Services, on Tuesday night. Previously, several candidates were vetted with the Select Board offering the job to Acushnet Building Commissioner James Marot last November, but Marot subsequently declined. The position was reposted with two candidates coming forward. While Riquinha was the sole candidate remaining as of February 15, he was also the candidate most highly regarded by the board members.

Riquinha currently works for the Town of Wareham and said that he has been in the construction industry since he was a high school student, including ownership of his own business at that early age. After a tour of duty in the Marines, Riquinha returned home, picking up where he left off as an independent businessman.

In 2011, he joined the City of Brookline's building inspection department, quickly rising through the ranks to become a commissioner in the first year, a feat he was obviously proud to share. When asked why he wanted to come to Mattapoisett, he stated, "I'm looking for a place to retire." Riquinha said that he plans to work at least another 20 years in the field but could not see himself doing so in his current position.

When quizzed on a wide-ranging number of points, Riquinha said that he is very familiar with the G.I.S. system used in Mattapoisett as well as various types of electronic permitting platforms and said he has created several permitting platforms himself. He was asked how he would get people on board with the use of such systems. While noting some people would resist, once acclimated to them, usually things go smoothly, he said.

Riquinha confirmed his depth of knowledge with respect to FEMA regulations and his ability to work closely and cooperatively with other town departments.

On the issue of human resource-related matters, Riquinha said that he always tries to work things out with an employee when things aren't right, to get them on board with doing their job, handling their responsibilities so others would not have to carry the burden, but failing that, "I'd go through the process and write them up."

Public relations were also touched upon with Riquinha saying, if someone was disgruntled by a decision he made, he tried to educate them as to why it was made and generally that works to solve the impasse. "Give them everything you can … they usually understand," he said.

Board member Jodi Bauer asked how he felt about working with students on town projects. It was noted that Riquinha is a graduate of Greater New Bedford Vocational-Technical High School. He said, "That would be great … no better way to get into the field than getting out into it."

Later in the meeting, the board members unanimously agreed to have Town Administrator Mike

On the Cover: *Ava Dzerkacz reaches down into an imaginary crime scene with fellow fifth-grade student Leah Oliveira as they conduct their investigation behind police tape during an educational event with Mattapoisett Police Detective Sergeant Scott LeBlanc on Friday at Old Hammondtown School. The students learned how to go about investigating and treating a crime scene. Photo by Ryan Feeney*

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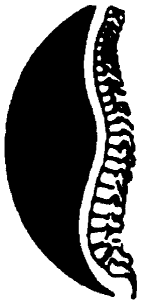

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Lorenco reach out to Riquinha with an offer. Bauer said, "He's everything we need." Board member Tyler Macallister said he has known the candidate for a number of years, saying, "I think he is perfect for the job." Board Chairman Jordan Collyer said, "I did my homework – he comes highly recommended."

The board then spent the majority of the meeting in a working session with Fire Chief Andrew Murray and Harbormaster Jamie McIntosh, discussing FY23 operating budgets and capital plans.

Murray explained that things were going well at the new station but that there were a few bugs being worked out. The FY23 operating budget shows an 8.39 percent overall increase from a FY22 figure of $753,015 to $816,214. Wages account for some of that increase with a full-time clerical-staff position up by $8,920 and on-call firefighters up $26,112. Lorenco explained that the clerical position had not been correctly accounted for in the past.

Murray explained that the Fire Department had in past years only had a few on-call personnel show up but that now the average is 10 trained members of the department arriving for duty, accounting for the increase in that line item. Macallister said, "This what we wanted, to get you the help you need." Murray said there are 35 on-call firefighters, two full-time staff firefighters and one part-time staff firefighter.

The Fire Department's capital expense list contains a singular line item: $50,000 for a new support vehicle. Murray restated his previously expressed rationale for a new SUV for the department as necessary not only for local matters but also for transporting trainees to the fire academy.

Bauer wondered aloud why the Fire Department trainees are receiving transportation when other departments with staff members requiring training are using their own vehicles. Murry explained that equipment used in training is dirty and possibly contaminated. He further emphasized, "Most fire departments have three or four support vehicles. In 20 years, we've never asked for a support vehicle."

McIntosh came before the board with a capital expense plan listing $941,382 of need for the Waterfront

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McIntosh said a plan for $70,000 worth of new docks and floats would be paid for from the Enterprise Fund and recouped over 10 years.

Regarding seasonal wages, MacIntosh said that an additional $7,000 would be needed to secure qualified help and that boat-fuel increases warrant an increase of $4,000 in that line item. The FY23 budget is planned to increase 5.21 percent, totaling $332,958 for that period. FY22 will stand at $316,458.

In other business, the board denied a request to accept a paper road, Naushon Street, for town services.

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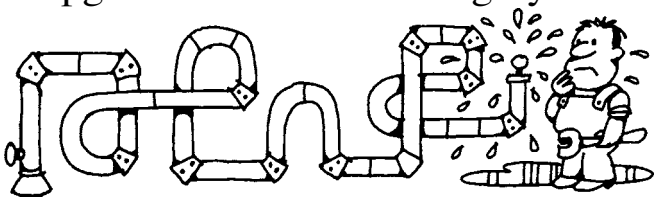
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Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer noted that there are only two abutters to the roadway, and approval might open the way for more requests heretofore not found to be acceptable.

The board voted to approve deficit spending for road salt if needed before the season ends. Bauer said that salt prices are now $67 per ton, an increase of 40 percent over last winter.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 pm.

Cardinal Warms Winter with Song

By George B. Emmons

The male cardinal with the scarlet crest on his head is a high-profile member of the finch family that decorates our bleak mid-winter backyard snowdrifts. The female is much less decorative with dull colored plumage painted by Mother Nature to be camouflaged when sitting on her nest. Both male and female are classified as perching songbirds with three toes on their legs pointing forward and one pointing backward to be able to stand on a tree limb or firmly grasp a holly branch as in my illustration.

The male has a reason for singing, to let everyone know he is looking for a mate and for other males to stay out of his territory. When he finds a mate, he flutters his wings from side to side next to her, dancing for joy. She often repeats the tune he sings, and they may serenade each other in approval all day long. All cardinals have an ability to sing 10 different songs, and when they harmonize together on just one, it is a musical sign of agreement.

One song is familiar once you have heard it as a high-pitched "chip-chip," followed by what sounds like "what cheer, what cheer" and then "wheat, wheat, wheat." Cardinals make their own musical tones with nine pairs of muscles in their syrinx in their throat, which tighten and relax to generate the notes that they want to generate for the song intended.

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CIPC Gets Marion's Ducks in A Row

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

In thanking Paul Naiman and the Capital Improvements Planning Committee, Marion Town Administrator Jay McGrail told the February 15 meeting of the Marion Select Board that Naiman's letter to the board will be a supplement to the warrant for the Spring Town Meeting.

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In a 6:30 pm appointment, Naiman appeared on behalf of the CIPC to discuss its process in prioritizing FY23 capital project and creating a 10-year outlook.

The CIPC, Naiman explained, still has a couple of its founding members. Select Board Chairman Norm Hills is a founding member, and the newest member is Bill Marvel from Finance Committee. The committee's purpose is to assist town department heads on developing capital plans to present at the Spring Town Meeting.

By definition, a capital project in Marion has at least a five-year lifespan and costs at least $10,000.

In order to facilitate the Select Board's, town administrator's and voters' actions, the CIPC meets with department heads and asks them to prioritize their own

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capital projects and to answer how each project will be financed and its benefit to the town.

"Once we have all of the projects (there are over 30 for FY23,) they are scored on seven criteria," explained Naiman.

Projects funded by fees and enterprise funds garner the highest number of points, and those financed by debt garner the lowest number of points. Other factors that hold serious sway in CIPC project rankings include state or federal requirements (compliance) and decrees; projects lacking any regulatory requirements get no points, but public safety or health-related projects get points.

A project will garner points if it upgrades an existing item and makes it more efficient such as replacing a snowplow. If a purchase is new, Naiman and his committee ask, "What's the payback?" They also ask how a project relates to the Master Plan.

The CIPC totals up project scores and creates a weighted average and a ranking. The goal is to achieve "an objective list, not a singular point of view," said Naiman. "Just because a project scores high or low, it doesn't mean it shouldn't be put on the warrant." Some of the school projects, he said, score lower on the priority list due to criteria failures, but those projects are typically funded.

For FY23, Marion has 34 capital projects submitted for consideration totaling $8,600,000 in estimated costs, $7,200,000 of those costs related to Department of Public Works projects.

The CIPC also puts together a compilation of a 10-year plan from each of the department heads as a planning tool. Before CIPC, said Hills, "there was nothing. Stuff would drop out of the air."

Sewer and water projects take up much of the 10-year outlook.

The CIPC will meet in a few weeks for a post-mortem, discuss how the year went and how to improve, said Naiman.

Waterman called the CIPC "a huge asset to the town. It's methodical but also the fact they help us lay out a 10-year plan that avoids a chaotic budget process."

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tremendous amount of pressure on the boss and us to prioritize this list," said McGrail. "From a management perspective, the final product is extremely helpful to Judy and me. We work backwards off the list."

In a 6:15 pm appointment, Harry Norweb and Dr. Ed Hoffer appeared before the board to discuss an action plan for the town to achieve an Age-Friendly Community (AFC) designation with AARP and the World Health Organization.

Norweb explained that while many of the actions associated with the action plan can already be accomplished by the Council on Aging and volunteers, they cannot distribute the action plan, but the Select Board can. So the Select Board voted to submit the action plan to AARP.

John Waterman thinks it is premature for Norweb to disband the volunteer working group because lacking a centralized leadership, he suspects the action plan would wane rather than thrive. McGrail suggested forming a workgroup under his watch.

Hoffer suggested that the mutual interest in creating market-rate housing for the town's senior population could bring together the action plan volunteers with the Affordable Housing Trust. McGrail noted that the AHT is scheduled to appear at the March 15 Select Board meeting to discuss the board's scope of activities.

Hoffer said the action plan also makes Marion eligible for modest AARP-related grants.

Bob Grillo was introduced as the town's new building commissioner. Grillo was the assistant building commissioner in Sandwich and a local inspector. He replaces Scott Shippey, who recently went to work for the Town of Foxborough.

"We need to work with our contractors and homeowners, not against them," said Grillo, who said he enjoyed success going at the job that way in Sandwich. "Hopefully we can continue on that same track."

In his Town Administrator's Report, McGrail was thrilled to announce that the installation of the lagoon liner is complete, and all that remains are leak-mitigation measures. The town did not have to apply for another extension as the state said it will not hold the January 31

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Under Action Items, the board voted to support the DPW's request to deficit spend on snow and ice removal. The town has already exceeded its allocated $50,000.

The rescheduled, public dangerous-dog hearing has been moved forward from April 19 to March 15 at 6:15 pm.

The Select Board voted to approve the conditions of a sewer connection application at 390 Wareham Road with the following prescribed conditions: an engineered connection plan, two as-built drawings within three months (regular condition,) that the applicant work with other users to build an association and a bond.

The board approved several reappointments to the Stewards of Community Open Space, and Emil Assing was appointed as a full member of the Conservation Commission. Assing will fill Cynthia Callow's spot until its June 2022 expiration and will need reappointment at that time.

A letter from Donna Maxim requesting the placement of a memorial bench at Silvershell Beach was passed over, as Hills and McGrail plan to draft a policy in light of many such requests.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, at 6:00 pm.

Metering Disagreement Raises Questions

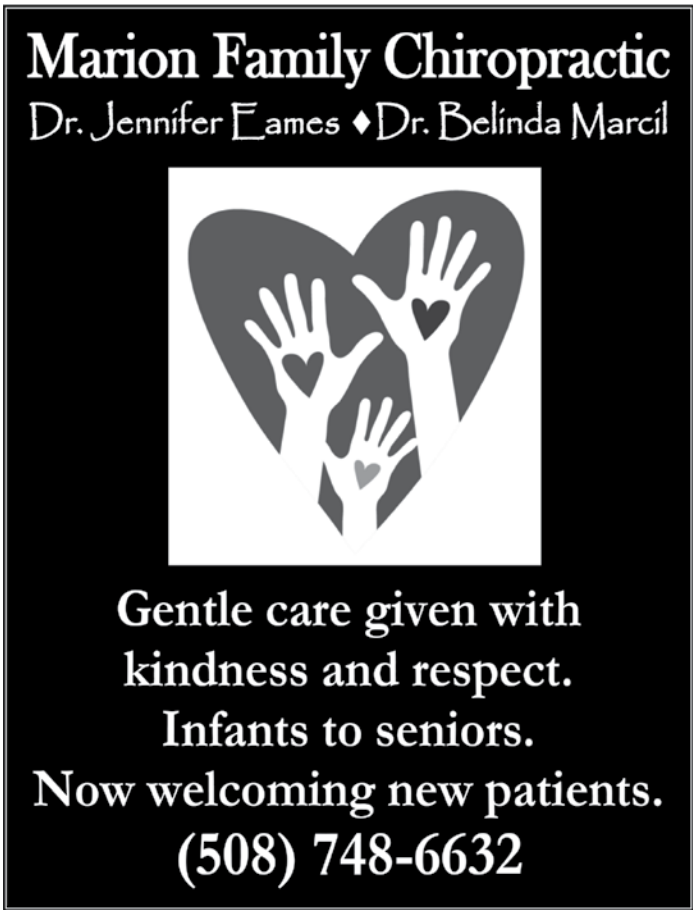
Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

Upon discussion of the minutes of a recent public meeting that included the Heron Cove public hearing, Marion Zoning Board of Appeals member Dana Nilson asked a question as to whether developer Ken Steen's ultimatum regarding water-metering methodology was based on dwelling units or buildings. "I'm looking for clarification on what they're looking for so we don't go the same road as we did with Marion Village Estates," said Nilson.

The minutes were tabled for the board's next meeting, but the conversation that wrapped up the ZBA's February 10 meeting overshadowed two public hearings that reached favorable conclusion.

ZBA Chairperson Cynthia Callow and board member



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Tucker Burr discussed a January 27 conference that they recently attended, in which Mark Bobrowski, the attorney representing Steen in the latter's role as developer of Marion Village Estates and Town Counsel Jon Witten met to discuss disagreement over whether changing the water-metering practices at the affordable-housing development constitutes a "substantial change" as opposed to an unsubstantial change.

The ramifications of "substantial change" necessarily include a public hearing. On December 23, Witten advised the ZBA to consider a change from three meters to measure water consumption in 60 residential units (one meter for each 20-unit building) to 60 meters (one for each unit) as a "substantial" change because it would drastically decrease the revenue generated to the town.

Thusly, Steen's request to proceed without a public hearing was rejected. Prior to that decision, Bobrowski had already notified the board that a "substantial" judgment on the part of the ZBA would result in his immediate appeal to the state housing court.

The Bobrowski-Witten conference was a prescribed next step toward resolution. Bobrowski had contended during the prior public meeting that Steen was originally supposed to pay for water on the town's lowest rate tier, but he argued that since the project was completed, the town "moved the goalposts" by changing the tier system and by determining the tier for Village Estates based on the consumption recorded by each meter rather than each residential unit.

As a result, Bobrowski said Steen pays Marion the highest water rate possible, something he insists never would have happened had the water been metered to individual units.

Bobrowski and Witten met before Lisa Whelan of the state Office of Community Development. According to Callow, Whelan heard the arguments and suggested mediation. Witten, said Callow, told her the town never says "no" to mediation. "Bobrowski, I think, is trying to keep us out of the equation, and I don't like when people try to keep me out of an equation that I think I should be in," said Callow.

The conference concluded, said Callow, with instructions for both sides to submit a summary of decision by February 28. Callow reported that Witten advised her that the process will take a long time and most likely will be remanded back to the ZBA.

Burr said that the contentious situation about water metering at Marion Village Estates is distracting to the same issue as it applies to Heron Cove. He questioned how the ZBA can confidently go about its business knowing there is an ongoing effort by the same developer to exclude the ZBA from vetting the same request at another development.

Callow asked Burr and Danielle Engwert to vote in the public hearings heard by the ZBA on February 10 in order to ensure a five-member quorum.

In Case 798, Terrence and Kym Lee were voted a

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Special Permit under Section 230-6.1C of the Zoning bylaw to allow their construction of an addition to the existing nonconforming residence at the corner of Holmes and Front streets.

Represented by Will Saltonstall (Saltonstall Architects,) the Lee's, 43 Holmes Street, applied for the Special Permit to add onto the main structure of the house an addition measuring 41.8 feet long (the length of the house) and 10 feet wide. The addition will be one story with a shed roof off the back of the Cape-style house.

As Saltonstall displayed via computer screen sharing, the east side of the house is 13 feet from the lot line and therefore noncompliant to the side setback. The addition proposed would extend what looks like approximately 24 feet of the nonconformity by another 10 feet. The addition will be set back 6 inches from flush to the side of the house because the house is not exactly parallel to the lot line, but it will at its outermost point come to within 13.1 feet of the lot line.

Saltonstall said he had not seen any pushback from abutters.

Kym Lee told the board that she reached out to abutters and 9 of the 11 she had email addressed for "were okay" with the plans. She noted that ZBA member Will Tifft is one of the abutters. She said Tifft wrote back "in the affirmative" but noted he would have to recuse himself from participation in the case. Lee said she did not hear back from everyone but received no negative responses.

Terence Lee said he would soon by turning 59 and that the couple wants to create space for first-floor living. He said the second floor would be left to "the kids and grandkids." At the same time, the applicants told Callow that there are no plans to add residents to the home.

ZBA member Margie Baldwin supported the project, noting that there is significant distance between the addition and the closest abutter. Terence Lee said that a fence erected by the former owner of the bordering property obscures the view.

In Case 801, the ZBA voted applicant MRF Nominee Trust on behalf of Patrick Fischoeder and Allison O'Neil, 498B Point Road, a Special Permit under Sections 230-6.1A and 230-6.1C of the Zoning bylaw to allow their construction of a single-family dwelling to replace two existing, non-conforming dwelling, resulting in a decrease of the non-conformity but increase the building area and volume as allowed under Section 230-7.1, Section 230-7.2 and Section 230-7.3.

Acknowledging Callow's recap that a Special Permit had been issued at this address but that the applicants came back before the ZBA because they wish to change the plan, representative Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon and Leone Inc. explained that the September 24, 2020 approval was scrapped and that the applicants have gone back to the drawing board.

According to Davignon, the main house caught fire on January 16, 2019, and six months later, both the main house and the secondary house (farther from the

shore) were demolished. Those two structures housed a combined six bedrooms, and the original Special Permit approved a plan for a single, five-bedroom house in their place.

Under Board of Health, Conservation Commission and ZBA approval, the previously planned structure would have sat 19.5 feet off the northern property line and 16 feet off the southern property line. The new application, which sits on the same general space in the lot, proposes a house of a different shape with more depth on the north side and less on the south side. The setbacks are nearly identical at 19 (north) and 17.3 (south) feet.

Davignon said the Conservation Commission recognized less work inside its jurisdiction with the new application and filed the plan without hearing it again.

Abutter Jane Deland, 498 Point Road, supported the project.

Nilson motioned to accept, and a unanimous vote awarded the Special Permit and carried the project forward.

The next meeting of the Marion ZBA is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, at 6:30 pm.

Bike Path Plans, Costs Detailed

Mattapoisett Capital Planning/Community Preservation

By Marilou Newell

For some time, Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee Chairman Chuck McCullough has expressed

the need for fiscal planning and oversight by the town for the bike path, which has been rolling through the community for more than 20 years primarily being managed by the town's Bike Path Committee and Select Board via the town administrator. Now its financial planning and debt tracking would be aided by the Capital Planning Committee.

On February 14, members of the Mattapoisett Bike Path Study Committee and Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path met with Capital Planning. On hand to navigate through the trail of grants, donations, matching funds and easements were Bike Path Committee Chairman Steve Kelleher and FMBP Chairman Rene Pothier. Also adding to the conversation was longtime advocate and FMBP member Bonne DeSousa.

In a previous meeting held with the Community Preservation Committee (also chaired by McCullough) on February 11, the bike path consortium applied for a $120,000 recreational grant, money planned for necessary predesign must-haves such as easements and appraisals. That sum would become critical to the entire remaining bike path development, the CPC would hear, and would appear on financial spreadsheets provided to Capital Planning.

The bike path team discussed in brief terms the challenges ahead such as securing the CPA grant, securing other grants for construction of Phases 2a and 2b, and a myriad of "soft cost" non-construction related matters such has wetland studies.

After reading a letter from Representative Bill Straus in support of the CPA grant request, the conversation turned to the numbers.

Pothier and Kelleher offered the following for FY23: $489,000, the town's match previously approved through Town Meeting for work associated with the Industrial Drive improvements; $500,000 for a portion of the Phase 2b Industrial Drive pathway; and $150,000 of which $120,000 is proposed from the CPA grant and matched by $30,000 in FMBP donations.

In FY24, $285,000 will be needed and proposed to be secured from grants and town match for Phase 2a design, project management and soft costs not associated with construction, and $1,000,000 proposed to be secured by town match and grants.

FY25 is forecasted to need $30,000 from grants and town match for additional Phase 2a design, project management and soft costs not associated with construction, and $1,000,000 from grants and town match for Phase 2a construction.

It is currently planned that in FY26 the project will be rolling towards completion while needing $30,000 from grants and town match for remaining project management and soft costs not associated with construction, $1,000,000 for Phase 2a construction, $752,000 for Phase 2b design and construction, and $500,000 for final segments of Phase 2a.

All totaled over the next four fiscal cycles, the financial documents provided by the bike path consortium estimate that Phases 2a and 2b, also known as the "last mile," will cost $5,796,000 anticipated to be funded by a variety of grants and town matches.

During their meeting with the Community Preservation Committee, the bike path advocates explained that before any other monies can be sought through grant applications, much needed predesign work is required that will include conceptual designs for crossing at North Street onto Industrial Drive and easements through the Park Street neighborhood (Phase 2a). Nothing more could be advanced until these stated tasks are completed.

McCullough referred to the CPA grant as a "stone in the funnel;" no other funds could flow in until these monies are secured. DeSousa also mentioned the need for a consultant to be hired by the town to oversee the completion of the bike path, given the complexity and time investment that a project of this size would require.

Also coming before the Capital Planning Committee was Harbormaster Jamie McIntosh. For FY23, McIntosh listed: $794,947 needed for design work for repairs to Long Wharf; $30,000 for a harbor management plan; $70,000 for new docks and floats; $18,457 for a patrol boat; and $12,000 for security camaras. For FY24, the list includes: $537,500 for Long Wharf construction costs (a sum repeated for fiscal cycles through FY28 expected to be paid via debt exclusion); $100,000 for repairs to Holmes Wharf;

and another $18,457 earmarked for a patrol boat paid via the Enterprise Fund. FY23 requests total out to $941,382 and FY24 at $673,935.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Community Preservation Committee is planned for Friday, February 18, at 5:30 pm. The Mattapoisett Capital Planning Committee plans to meet again on Monday, February 28, at 6:00 pm.

Water and Sewer, Highway Budgets Reviewed

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

By Marilou Newell

Henri Renauld, Mattapoisett Water and Sewer superintendent, met with the Mattapoisett Finance Committee on February 10 to review his FY23 operating budgets for the two enterprise funds.

The committee members heard about the challenges both departments are facing due to aging infrastructure throughout the community. They also heard about possible expansion of the water and the sewer services to areas of the town not currently connected to municipal services.

Renauld said that the Main, Beacon, Water Street and Marion Road roadway improvement project is currently on the Capital Plan for 2026 but that funding would have to be secured from grants and bonding instruments. Tight coordination of not only local services such as water and sewer but also utilities and subcontractors would be needed.

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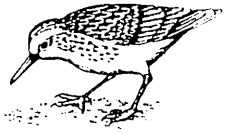

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In terms of long-range expansion possibilities, Renauld said that extended water service along Brandt Island Road and Mattapoisett Neck Road are on the radar and that a sewer expansion into the Pease's Point neighborhood would be put before the residents at Town Meeting in an effort to secure a two-thirds acceptance of the accompanying betterment fees.

When asked about the long-awaited improvements to upper Pearl Street from Route 6 to Hammond Street, Renauld said the pipes, materials that were in part responsible for delays in construction had already been purchased and that he has money left over in a warrant article ($135,000) that would be spent on the project.

The unexpected and unfunded repairs now needed at the Oakland sewer pump station were also discussed. Renauld said that five manholes need complete reconstruction and repair and would be shovel-ready for grant applications and or bonding by next fall. Town Administrator Mike Lorenco said that ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding could be used for the project, but that presently the Select Board is weighing all options for those federal funds. Mattapoisett's share is anticipated to be roughly $1,800,000, Lorenco stated.

The Water Department's FY22 salaries will top out at $558,238 and increase to $570,055 for FY23. Expenses for FY22 are projected to be $987,222 versus the FY23 plan of $1,016,869 at a difference of 2.7 percent.

Sewer's financials show FY22 wages at $214,591 versus $219,274 for FY23 and expenses for FY22 at $611,445 against FY23 planned at $751,755. There is an overall increase of 17.5 percent. The increases are primarily fueled by sewer treatment and infrastructural expenses and a contractual agreement for plant improvements.

Highway Surveyor Garrett Bauer also met with the members of the Finance Committee on this night. After briefly reviewing the department's operating budget, he was asked to explain a $5,000 increase in the line items titled "elected official – highway surveyor." Bauer said that he was doing the same job his predecessor had done and had taken only "three days off" since being elected.

Fincom Chairman Pat Donoghue asked if Bauer would be meeting with the Select Board, which had set the salary at $75,000 in FY22. He responded that he would be. Lorenco commented that when the salary had been set, Bauer's experience level had not been fully tested but that "Garrett has put his good foot forward," noting he is responsible for all the roads in town. Bauer's predecessor Barry Denham held the position for 15 years and reached a salary of $90,958 prior to his 2021 retirement.

The Highway Department's operating budget for FY22 should stand at $749,800. The proposed budget of $772,600 for FY23 constitutes an increase of 3.4 percent.

The Mattapoisett Finance Committee was scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, February 16.

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Solar Project atop Canals Nearing Approval

Rochester Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The February 8 meeting of the Rochester Planning Board was a good one for members of the Renewable Energy Development Partners team, who have been meeting with Rochester boards for many months. But all that hard work and cooperation to the process is just about to pay off, bringing the 109 Neck Road solar project that much closer to a start date. The project has been described as unique in that a number of the panels will be mounted across irrigation canals and in other areas, crops may be planted under the panels.

Coming before the board was Renewable Energy's Hank Ouimet, as well as Sarah Stearns of Beals and Thomas, Inc. The meeting was held primarily to update the board on progress made in addressing comments from peer-review consultant Ken Motta of Field Engineering. Stearns also said that in his latest communication, Motta has offered some language for the board to consider when drafting its decision.

Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson pointed out that waivers requested by the applicant were incomplete and needed future review because "the language is too vague to be enforceable."

The board also approved a list of bonds for the project: $133,000 for decommissioning, $15,000 for the next five years for screening near wetlands, $2,000 called

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a timber assessment and $35,000 for the next two years for landscaping. The hearing was continued to Tuesday, February 22, at 7:00 pm.

An informal discussion was held with Brian Wallace of JC Engineering regarding plans for a playground associated with Countryside Child Care. Wallace described the location of the playground, drainage features and safeguards for pedestrians and motorists.

Regarding the relocation of storage containers he owns, Matt Gurney asked the engineer and the board to consider placing them closer to the blacktop versus Wallace's suggestion of farther away into an area that is currently wet. Johnson and Wallace agreed to work with Gurney to find an amenable solution.

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Town Planner Nancy Durfee reported that an update of the board's bylaws and regulations was nearly ready for a public hearing once the board agrees with the changes.

Durfee also advised the board that an existing Open Space plan would be completed and readied for their approval. Once finalized, Durfee said it would go to the state for final approval. Such acceptance, she noted, clears the way for the town to apply for grants. She said that up-to-date land mapping needs to be included in the plan.

Durfee also said that she was in the process of writing a grant application that would defray expenses associated with drafting a new Master Plan.

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, at 7:00 pm.

Enforcement Orders Punctuate Meeting

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

A light February 14 agenda for the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission was heavy with Enforcement Order follow-ups.

The commission's contract agent, Brandon Faneuf, reported on four previously issued Enforcement Orders, not the least of which is the subdivision known as Brandt Beach Village. Commission member Trevor Frances had photographed site conditions that concerned the commissioners, displaying the apparent absence of a conditioned turtle barrier and collapsed erosion controls.

Faneuf said that he had had a conversation with the town's peer-review consultant for the project, Ken Motta of Field Engineering. Conservation Commission Chairman Mike King stated that it was necessary to have an all-inclusive discussion with the commission, property owners and Motta to ensure that Motta's checklist of to-do items is being addressed.

Faneuf questioned septic systems associated with the project, commenting that it is necessary to confirm that house lots in jurisdictional areas would be adequately serviced by the community septic system. Faneuf also said it is an open question as to whether or not individual notices of intent must be filed for lots in Phase 2.

An Enforcement Order for unpermitted vista pruning at 58 Pico Beach Road on property owned by Peter Franceschina was discussed, as no word had thus far been received regarding the progress of restoration in the area where cutting had taken place.

It was noted that when the order was sent to Franceschina last November, the property owner had met with the commission and understood why such cutting was against wetland regulations and/or the need to secure local approvals. Since that time, nothing had been heard from Franceschina. The commission would follow up with a telephone call, it was determined, before taking any further action.

Another Enforcement Order pending completion had been issued to Brendan Talty for an unpermitted

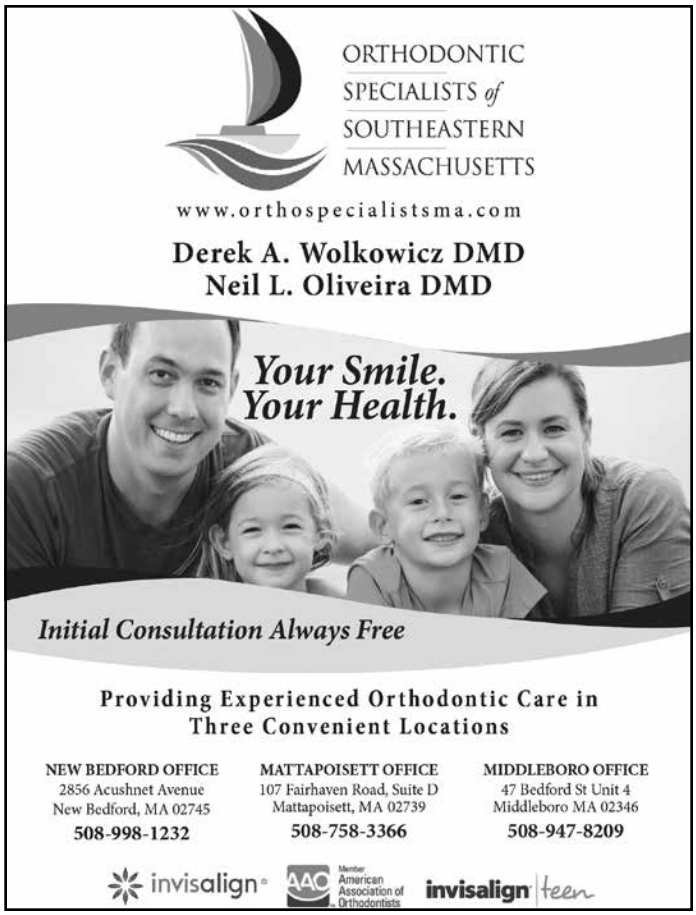
shed. King said a call to the property owner is needed to ascertain his steps in bringing the construction of a shed in a jurisdictional area into compliance.

In other business, the commission met with Mark Connon for a pier located at 65 Mattapoisett Neck Road. King said the commission had no issues with the plan of record as long as the required Chapter 91 permitting was secured. "It's in keeping with the waterfront in that area," he said. Further action was pending the issue of a waterways license.

A request for a Certificate of Compliance requested by David Meeker, 93 Mattapoisett Neck Road, was tabled until such time as Meeker can certify that a replication area has been successfully completed. Meeker said that he was not aware of the open order of conditions when he purchased the property. King commented, "That happens all the time."

There was a discussion between King and Faneuf as to the necessity of the property owner hiring a wetland scientist to confirm compliance or other measures needed to secure compliance. It was unclear to King if the order of conditions stipulated such certification. In the end it was determined that an expert is indeed needed to weigh in on the project.

A Request for Determination of Applicability by Waldron Realty Trust for the construction of a shed in a flood zone at 32 Pico Beach Road received a negative decision.



The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, February 28, at 6:30 pm.

Mask Mandate Rescinded in ORR Schools

Joint School Committee/Superintendency Union #55

By Mick Colageo

When students in Old Rochester Regional District schools return from their vacation week on Monday, February 28, they will only be required to wear a facemask in two locations: on the bus and in school offices.

On the athletic fields, the campus at large, the parking lots and, yes, even in the classrooms, cafeteria and gymnasium, masks will no longer be required after the Joint School Committee/Superintendency Union #55 achieved agreement at the end of a three-hour, emergency public meeting on Tuesday night.

A union-side vote saw Robin Rounseville as the sole dissenting vote against the February 28 lifting of the mandate. Nichole Daniel, April Nye, Tiffini Reedy, Karin Barrows, Anne Fernandes, Carly Lavin and Chairperson Sharon Hartley all voted in the affirmative.

The district side provided most of the opposition, as Suzanne Tseki and Joe Pires were alone in their approval the first time the vote was taken. Michelle Smith, Jim Muse, Jason Chisholm, Margaret McSweeny, Mark Monteiro, Frances Kearns and Chairperson Heather Burke all rejected the motion as presented.

Lengthy discussion ensued including procedural matters, but the motion never changed so it was with a renewed sense of options going forward that a second vote saw Burke and Smith hold back their approval.

A painstaking debate and vote was not only protracted by passionate disagreement as to the timing of the state's lifting of the mask mandate following a vacation week, but the process was wrought with confusion.

The JSC has taken many a vote since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, but none had caused so much pause as this one. Until Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson, given the floor by the respective chairpersons, urged the sides to find common ground, there was a realistic chance that the union side would rescind the preexisting masking policy as permitted by the state and that the region side would not.

Attempts to amend the existing policy to be rescinded at a later date such as March 14, presumably for the purposes of bearing out a lack of spike in positive cases coming back from the traditional, week-long winter vacation were abandoned for the sake of progress.

The other concern shared by several hesitant members was ensuring that a mechanism is in place should there be a spike in cases, be it immediately out of the February vacation or at any time in the future.

As of Tuesday night, the ORR School District is without a masking policy beyond February 28.

Nelson made sure to emphasize an ongoing diligence

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on his part to continue absorbing and posting data, meeting with local health officials on a regular basis and being on the ready should the trend reverse.

While Nye, Reedy, Barrows and Pires were among those committee members arguing that the data supplied by the state all through the pandemic has been followed so why ignore it now that the data suggests it is time to stop requiring facemasks, other members such as Burke and Jim Muse insisted there is more to the decision.

Beyond concerns over the timing juxtaposed on the heels of a school vacation week, Burke said that families that might reconsider vaccinations have no time to respond to the lifting of the mandate while Muse said the only data point offered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education had been an 80-percent vaccination rate that ORR Schools do not have.

Nelson offered the committee a breakdown of vaccination rates among staff and students in ORR Schools. When pooled together, the building vaccination rates are as follows: Center School 40 percent, Old Hammondtown 62 percent, Rochester Memorial 40 percent, Sippican 47 percent, ORR Junior High 64 percent and the high school at 75 percent.

Covid-19 positives at district schools are at an all-time low with only four active cases, including two at the junior high and one each at RMS and the high school.

ORR Director of Student Services Craig Davidson shared the results of a survey indicating that the overwhelming majority of the parents/guardians of students in all six district schools wished for the mandate to be lifted. Staff preferences were closer to a balance, but the majority in all six schools was in favor of lifting the mandate.

Nearly every member of the public who sought to speak in the open-forum portion of the meeting said it is time to take the masks off. Some went beyond that, referencing expert opinions and personal observations that masking especially on small children is actually detrimental toward their health.

Others focused on the masks themselves and insist that only the N95 mask functions as intended, and that model is largely unavailable in the schools.

On the other side of the ledger, there were those who hoped that ORR would delay the lifting of the mandate closer to when children will be spending the majority of their playtime outdoors.

Once the union and region sides finally agreed with the region's vote to rescind the policy at 9:55 pm, Muse said, "The policy requires a lot of care, and I'm sure that the superintendent will continue to advise us ..." He noted ongoing attention to case counts and Nelson's Covid-19 dashboard. "If there is an uptick, we should consider calling a special meeting if necessary to propose a policy change. Hopefully we don't have to because of the fears that I have or anyone else has wouldn't come to fruition."

Before adjournment, Nelson strove to maintain the

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committee's confidence in his due diligence. "To me, this was not about to mask or not to mask but being flexible for others' decisions," he said. "I will not hesitate to call on this school committee if I have any doubt."

The next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 pm.

ORR Shines under 'Cumbersome' Audit

ORR School Committee

By Mick Colageo

Comparing district leaders to ducks appearing calm above the surface while furiously moving underneath, Old Rochester Regional School Committee member Frances Kearns recognized the effort that went into the Tiered Focus Monitoring Audit recently completed.

In the January 26 public meeting of the committee, Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson thanked Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Jannell Pearson-Campbell and Director of Student Services Craig Davidson for their work on what he called "a cumbersome project."

ORR was not found to be out of compliance in any of the prescribed areas. Most of the areas were found to be in full compliance, and Nelson said that only partial implementation was evident on some of the forms.

The second such audit in the past two years, according to Nelson, the Tiered Focus Monitoring Audit is conducted by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and looks at the implementation of English language learners, Special Education and Civil Rights regulations. DESE examines relevant documentation and student records, interviews staff members and solicits parent/guardian feedback.

Detailing a result that scored ORR's English language learners' documentation against 12 criteria, Pearson-Campbell reported DESE considered ORR to have fully implemented eight of the 12 criteria and four more with partial implementation. Pearson-Campbell said the ORR Central Office is working with Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes to ensure that proper documentation is in place.

Committee member Margaret McSweeny recognized

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the importance of making the school's website accessible to all families regardless of English fluency and applauded the effort as presented by Pearson-Campbell, who would conclude by noting that ORR faces another audit.

Director of Student Services Craig Davidson reviewed the past year, beginning with the self-assessment phase including two internal reviews before the self-assessment was submitted to the Tiered Focus Monitoring Department. DESE visited ORR for verification.

Davidson credited administrative assistants Donna Kirk and Debra Threlfall for their preparation work. Summarizing extensive work on Special Education at ORR, Davidson said the DESE found no areas out of compliance.

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Pearson-Campbell thanked her secretary Kim Read and ORR District ELL Specialist Kathy Dranchak.

ORR Junior High Principal Silas Coellner told the committee that the school will conduct an eight-week test run to see if one consolidated day of advisory time on a weekly basis is more efficient than spending half the time twice a week. Under the new arrangement, a weekly academic goal will be set and emailed from the student to the student, advisor and to the parent/guardian. The idea, said Coellner, is to promote family engagement with the student's weekly academic plan.

The junior high, said Coellner, will then plan for anti-racism and anti-bias learning in the advisory portion of the week.

In other junior high news, Coellner reported that Tech Education teacher Brian Almeida received a grant to obtain robotic kits from Worcester Polytechnical Institute and has them now in his classes. Amanda Tomasso qualified to participate in the Southeast Districts Chorus in March.

The committee voted unanimously to approve a new implementation of courses at the high school for the 2022-23 academic year.

The High School Program of Studies approval vote authorized ORR High School Principal Mike Devoll to make what he called "necessary changes in studies."

New offerings for 2022-23 include Portuguese II and Thematic 12th Grade English courses, a graduation requirement that will change the traditional curriculum and offer seniors a variety of options including: Multicultural Literature; Monsters, Murder and Madness, Creative English and Media Literacy.

Devoll said the rebranding of the 12th-grade, college prep English courses will focus more on 21st century literacy and skills needed for post-high school. A member of the ORR staff is seeking certification in Portuguese, he said, and given strong student response, it is likely Portuguese will eventually expand to all four grades.

ORR School Committee Chair Heather Burke said her vote hinged on Devoll's outlook to ultimately expand Portuguese to Grades 9-12. Burke also recommended ORR consider codifying course override procedure so parents

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can understand how to apply for an override.

Advanced Placement Psychology, Honors Economics and Honors Forensics all have new prerequisites. Advanced Placement Studio Art will now be called AP Art & Design to match with the College Board. Devoll said other course descriptions are being changed to more accurately reflect what transpires in those courses.

In his report, Devoll said that the high school has been conducting weekly personal finance sessions through Junior Achievement, maintaining the same instructor.

Nelson told the ORR School Committee that the administration has come to an agreement with the Budget Subcommittee on priorities for the FY23 budget.

The most-noteworthy inclusion is the possibility of the addition of a director of Guidance position. Nelson based the discussions on work done by the committee and feedback from a contracted consultancy group. He also told the committee about upgrades to the technology in the Science Department.

State aid information was released to local school districts on January 26, and Nelson said that Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber spent his day examining the allocations. The next step, said Nelson, will be bringing the budget before the ORR School Committee.

In her Chairperson's Report, Burke told the committee that contract negotiations and the superintendent's evaluation, along with policy and budget

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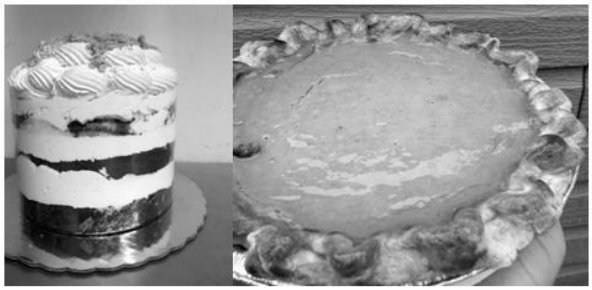

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work, will intensify.

In his report, Nelson updated the Covid status, telling the committee that the mask requirement has been extended by DESE through February 28. ORR is considering opting into the new testing (at home) program, which would discontinue contact tracing in school and put full reliance on the local boards of health. Nelson sent out a survey to parents, guardians, caretakers and faculty, and said he would decide on the direction of the testing program.

Nelson said he was also surveying families on the feasibility of a math camp during school vacations.

Nelson told the committee that the Regional Agreement has been approved. "I think the big piece for us is we're getting used to the weighted vote," said Nelson, noting that the ORR District is using its new assessment for the sake of the operating and capital budgets.

Barber gave the committee an overview of the approximate $20,000,000 operating budget and said ORR has just under $400,000 of unencumbered funds in the budget.

In Food Services, Barber pointed out that while lunch counts steadily rise, breakfast counts are down even lower than in 2020-21 when ORR was operating on a four-day week based on the hybrid learning model so that students were in the building two days per week instead of five. Barber asked the membership to spread the word that ORR is offering free breakfast throughout the school district.

During the committee reports, Kearns reported on the January 25 Anti-Racism Subcommittee meeting, which she said will henceforth meet on a bimonthly basis. Kearns said that a name change was discussed and that the committee's core values would be used to drive the subcommittee's goals and objectives.

Student Representative Eddie Gonet told the committee that the Student Council was preparing for Kindness Week, which would precede the February vacation. The Class Olympics, he said, is being postponed to the spring so it can be held outdoors in warm conditions. A Spirit Week was being considered, said Gonet, "because school spirit's been very low this year, and we need to do something to drive that back up."

The senior class is going through with its prom plans, and Senior Superlative Night (i.e. "most likely to ..." for the yearbook) will be held on March 9 at 6:30 pm in the ORR auditorium.

The ORR School Committee will meet twice in March, on March 1 for the public hearing on the FY23 budget and on March 23 for a regular meeting. The committee entered executive session and only returned to public session to adjourn.

Youngest Learners Benefit from Head Start

Rochester School Committee

By Mick Colageo

One place where the Old Rochester Regional District's elementary schools still feel a bit of an advantage over secondary and middle grades is the little kids got a bigger piece of the 2020-21 school year full-time and in person.

Asked to address anxiety during the February 3 meeting of the Rochester School Committee, Memorial School Principal Derek Medeiros pointed to the advantage of being first to transition the youngest learners back to in-person learning.

A key piece of meeting the needs of students has been the district-wide application of the "responsive classroom." Traditionally emphasized over the opening

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six weeks of the academic year, this year the emphasis has lasted 8-10 weeks.

"And that's okay," said Medeiros. "If you don't establish those routines and structures, then learning doesn't take place the way we know it (should). ... Obviously, we have a phenomenal school here so we're very lucky, but we are seeing ourselves trend in the right direction."

"I think our capacity to differentiate our social-emotional support in this building is immense," said RMS Vice Principal Charlie West. "We have the ability with our team, as well as the teachers that we have who've been using responsive classroom ... can come to those social workers, to administrators, and troubleshoot situations and really work to get those kids engaged and included and also always have our antenna up and know when we see kids that might be struggling a little more with obviously behaviors and anxiety or other emotional needs.

"Having a mechanism in place to be able to work with them and support them has been huge."

Routines play a major role in establishing a sense of expectation for the students and allow them to focus on learning.

"I see that this year more than ever, especially with the younger population. When they can come in and know it's a predictable environment that they know what they need to be doing, they're thriving," said West, who has been covering classrooms due to the lack of available qualified substitute teachers. "Jumping into Kindergarten, it's amazing to see how responsive they are knowing how predictable things can be and knowing how they're in a safe learning environment."

School Committee member Jason Chisholm asked if the responsive classroom provides benefits for teachers.

"They don't buy in and do that great work around the classroom ... unless they believe in it themselves," said Medeiros. "We try to promote that through (monthly) personal community learning meetings." Medeiros said that staff meetings help teachers compare notes and discuss how to make the responsive classroom work well with everyone.

A key piece in the RMS School Improvement Program, said Medeiros, is to train 100 percent of the staff in the responsive classroom, a four-day course for licensed educators. "We're right on track to stay with that goal," he said.

School Committee Vice Chairperson Anne Fernandes asked Medeiros how Rochester Memorial's progress in the five competencies of social-emotional learning is monitored. Medeiros explained a four-point grading scale and how it applies to everyday scenarios of family interaction.

ORR Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson acknowledged that the pandemic has somewhat slowed the progress of monitoring social-emotional learning overall. "We're getting to the point where we're

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using a different Panorama tool," he said, alluding to administration's support of teachers through the Kaleidoscope feedback tool, along with report cards and the Panorama Survey tool used for parental and student feedback.

Director of Student Services Craig Davidson referred to a family survey conducted earlier in the 2021-22 school year that tied into ORR's Accelerated Road Map. Davidson said the survey monitoring sense of belonging and focus drew positive results.

Fernandes' questions during the February 3 meeting yielded a comprehensive explanation of ORR's various student surveys. Some of the surveys are held anonymously and some designed to enter student information. One done with the Kaleidoscope tool, explained Nelson, keyed on a certain classroom. From there, information gathered by the Social Emotional Learning team customizes work for individual students.

"Charlie and I always feel like social-emotional learning is definitely one of the key strengths for us here at Rochester Memorial, and I think there's a couple of different reasons for that. Number one is the main reason ... our continued belief and approach around our responsive classroom," said Medeiros.

Medeiros says RMS has benefitted from the ORR District's support, providing all new staff a platform to learn about the responsive classroom. "We're showing to our staff that we believe in that evidence-based approach," he said, noting that the emphasis extends beyond school grounds to families via the RMS newsletter and access resources on the school's website.

RMS students are learning that cooperation leads to responsible decision making, said Medeiros. "You don't want to overwhelm students especially at the elementary level so we don't want to make this too in-depth ... you really want to merge them together."

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Jannell Pearson-Campbell summarized the results of the recently completed Tiered Focus Monitoring Audit of ORR schools, which looks at the implementation of English language learners, Special Education and Civil Rights regulations. The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) examines relevant documentation and student records, interviews staff

members, and solicits parent/guardian feedback.

Nelson compared the audit to the special-education report made earlier in the school year by Davidson. System-wide, said Nelson, the six-school ORR District has 12 students receiving English Language Learner supports, including nine ELL students, three of those being RMS students.

At the committee's January 18 meeting, Davidson thanked Special Education Secretary Kim Amato for her work in helping Rochester Memorial report to DESE.

"Having lived through that process a number of times, I just want to echo what Mr. Davidson said about all the hard work from each and every individual, from Central Office to our own office to classroom teachers, the whole nine yards," said Fernandes. "It's quite a process, very deliberate, painstaking and you guys did a great job. Thank you for everything."

ORR was to report back to DESE by February 14 for a final stamp of approval.

The committee voted to approve the acceptance of two $500 donations from the Rochester Cultural Council, one to support RMS sixth-graders' virtual lunar-robot project, and the other to support a financial literacy fair sponsored by MoneyWise.

In crediting the procurement of that support to Alison Bosma and teacher Tracey Forns, Medeiros explained that the sixth graders' virtual lunar robot model must stand up on the moon, take a soil sample, and store and move it

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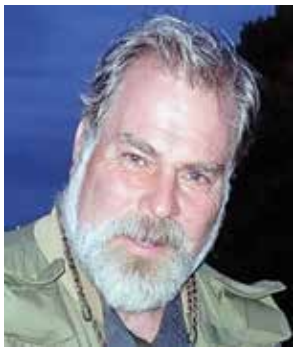

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to another location 100 yards away. "Pretty cool project," he said. "The students were able to build it in (two dimensions) and then 3D on that (computer) system."

The $500 grant sponsors the students' access to the computer program and entrance into a NASA-sponsored contest. "They also got to make it out of LEGO's and actually build it out of LEGO's first, then transfer it onto paper, then transfer it to the CAD system," said Medeiros. "A lot of challenges to it. They had to make sure the temperature was right ... pretty impressive work by our scientists."

Nelson updated the committee on Covid-19. As of February 3, RMS had only four active cases. The state mask mandate is in place until at least February 28, and contact tracing will be discontinued in schools.

The committee began its February 3 public meeting to enter executive session including Select Board Chair Brad Morse. The committee and Morse emerged to public session to vote their approval of a Memorandum of Agreement to go into effect upon the approval and signatures of the teacher's association.

On February 3, Nelson was pleased to announce that Diana Russo of the ORR Central Office is the recipient of the 2021 Massachusetts COSCAP Administrative Assistant of the Year Award. In 24-plus years on the job, Russo has supported three different superintendents and five school committees. "Diana is the ultimate professional," said Nelson. "She's trustworthy, and you will never find anyone with more integrity than her."

In other business, Medeiros reported to the committee that the annual Grade 4 concert was held and recorded on ORCTV, and a virtual welcome to new students was scheduled for February 9.

In committee reports, Chisholm said that the Joint School Committee voted to accept an amended version of the 2022-23 school calendar. Fernandes told the committee that, when the Joint School Committee voted to adopt gender-neutral pronouns in policy language, she cast the lone dissenting vote. "I would have preferred we use common nouns," she said. Kate Duggan reported on a "book walk" for Black History Month in partnership with Tri Town Against Racism.

In his January 18 report, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Howie Barber told the committee that $626,000 remained in the unencumbered funds in the FY22 operating budget. Lunch counts in 2021-22 have quadrupled from the 2020-21 school year, a mostly hybrid formatted year. The committee ended its January 18 meeting to enter executive session to discuss bargaining.

The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, at 6:30 pm, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled

Tri-town Police Logs

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Log highlights Feb 6-Feb 12
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Briggs Ln – General service
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Spring St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/citation
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Spring St – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Ram Island – Waterways complaint
- Spring St – General service
- Mill St – Found property
- Converse Rd – General offense
- Front St - Fraud
- Village Dr – Noise complaint
- Converse Rd - Fraud
- Route 195 West – MV collision
- Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Wilson Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Smoke investigation
- Parkway Ln – Officer wanted
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – General service
- Wareham Rd – Follow up
- Mill St – Family offense
- Front St – Brush fire
- Cove's End Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights Feb 6-Feb 12
- Park St – Health/welfare
- Church St – MV violations
- Harbor Acres Ln – Medical/assist
- Hunters Ln – Suspicious persons
- Perry Ave – 911 call
- Homestead Ct – Health/welfare
- Shady Oak Dr – Health/welfare
- Perry Ave – Medical/assist
- River Rd – Follow up investigation
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Main St – Suspicious persons
- Fairhaven Rd – MV lockout
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- Harbor Acres Ln – Health/welfare
- Cannon St – General services
- North St – MV violations
- Upland Way - Unwanted person
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Knollwood Dr – Assist other agency
- Fairhaven Rd – 911 call
- Harbor Acres Ln – Peace officer
- Crystal Spring Rd – Larceny/forgery
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Beach St – Officer wanted
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist other agency
- Main St – Assist citizen
- Long Plain Rd – Suspicious MV

ROCHESTER
Log highlights Feb 6-Feb 12
- Featherbed Ln – 911 call
- Randall Rd - Medical
- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- High St – Animal rescue
- Cross Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Hartley Rd – MV stop/towed
- Rounseville Rd – Animal control
- Sarah Sherman Rd - Medical
- Benjamin Dr - Medical
- Bradford Ln – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – Medical
- Mendell - Medical
- Alley Rd - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Snows Pond Rd – MV collision
- Rte 495 North – Erratic MV
- North Ave – Animal control
- Neck Rd - Medical
- Rounseville Rd – MV collision
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- County Rd - Medical
- Marion Rd - Medical
- Cushman Rd – General service
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation

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ORR Solidifies Conference Supremacy

Sports Roundup

By Matthew Curry

After an undefeated season in which it captured the South Coast Conference championship, the Old Rochester Regional High School girls' track team solidified the spot atop the SCC meet on February 12 at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech. With a total score of 98 points, the Lady Bulldogs took first place in almost every event.

Alexia Gonsalves was a double-winner in the mile and 2 mile, setting a new personal best in the former with a time of 5:58. Jen Williams also contributed to two first-place finishes with a dominant win in the 55-meter hurdles and a win in the 4x400 relay alongside Gabby Pinhacos, Liz Feeney and Cameran Weaver.

Audrey Thomas and Madison Conner also contributed to the win with first-place performances in the 300 and 1,000, respectively. The boys placed third overall, with Murray Copps winning the mile and 2 mile, while Colby Gross took first place in the 300.

The Bulldogs will next compete at the Division 4 Championship meet on Thursday, February 17, at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

On the girls side, Williams (hurdles, high jump, long jump,) Gonsalves (mile, 2 mile,) Thomas (300,) Pinhacos (600,) Feeney (600,) Conner (1000,) Aubrey Heise (600,, Jillian LeBlanc (600,) Isabella Hunt (high jump,) Taylor Green (hurdles, shot-put) and Corrine Robert (2 mile) qualified for the championship meet.

For the boys, Copps (mile,) Gross (300,) Leo Schiappa (dash, 300,) John Kassabian (1000,) Matthew Curry (600,) Tyler Trudeau (hurdles,) Calder Eaton (hurdles,) Aidan Silk (mile, 2 mile,) Jackson Veugen (2 mile,) Nolan Bushnell (1000, 2 mile) and Teddy Carroll (600) qualified.

For relays, the girls 4x800 will consist of Conner, Pinhacos, LeBlanc and Madeline Dugas, while the 4x400 will include Williams, Thomas, Feeney and Cameran Weaver. The boys 4x400 will have Gross, Schiappa, Carroll and Remy Wilson, while the fourth seeded 4x800 will include Kassabian, Curry, Copps and Torsten Brickley.

Girls Basketball

The Lady Bulldogs picked up three dominant wins last week, kicking things off with a 75-19 win at home over Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on February 8. The win was followed up by road wins over Somerset Berkley on February 11 and Bourne on February 13. The Lady Bulldogs faced Apponequet on Tuesday and will visit Fairhaven on Friday, February 18, at 6:30 pm.

Boys Basketball

ORR's boys' basketball team picked up a 60-58 win over Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on February 8. **Steven Morrell** and **Jacob Smith** each scored 12 points, while **Sawyer Fox** and **Liam Geraghty** contributed 9 each. The Bulldogs unfortunately came up short in their next game on February 10 against Dartmouth, losing 65-54 in overtime. They bounced back the next day, however, picking up a 67-58 win over Somerset Berkley. The Bulldogs hosted Apponequet on Tuesday and will host Fairhaven on Friday, February 18, at 6:30 pm.

Hockey

The ORR/Fairhaven boys' hockey team went 2-2 in four games last week. After a 6-5 loss to Diman-Voke on February 11, the Bulldogs bounced back in the next two days with a 7-4 win over Bourne on February 12 and a 2-1 win over Somerset Berkley on February 13. Unfortunately, their momentum was halted on Monday when they lost, 4-3, against Dartmouth. ORR faced Somerset Berkley again on Wednesday and will take on Upper Cape at Falmouth

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8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Recovery Fitness
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Classroom Chronicle: Sports Edition
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Rob Surette SunnySpeak Interview
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Katy Babbitt
3:02 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Mattapoisett Fire Station Grand Opening
5:00 PM A Conversation With…
5:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimer's Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Registers Report
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday February 18, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Source
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
3:30 PM Armchair QB
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Updates
6:57 PM Rochester COA - Senior Scams
7:30 PM In the Toy Box
8:00 PM Mattapoisett Fire Station Grand Opening
8:30 PM The Non-Profit World
9:00 PM Paltrocast
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday February 19, 2022
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Recovery Fitness
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations on Mental Health
11:00 AM Wellness Wednesday
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM SouthCoast Matters
2:00 PM Garden Therapy
2:40 PM Hollywood Costume Designer Ruth E. Carter
3:30 PM inspiring Careers
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Libraries in the Modern Day
5:12 PM Car Enthusiast with Richard Cutler
5:30 PM For Art's Sake
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphony Orchestra Brass Quartet
7:30 PM Off the Shelf - Books on Tour
8:00 PM City Hall Insider
8:30 PM Money Matters TV
9:00 PM Registers Report
9:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday February 20, 2022
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM White House Chronicle
7:00 AM Governor Baker Covid-19 Updates
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:30 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Larry Hall & Bill Walsh
2:30 PM OC Boys Basketball vs Upper Cape Tech
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
5:00 PM The World Fusion Show
5:30 PM In the Toy Box
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Alzheimers Risks with Jennifer Hoadley
7:01 PM This is America & The World
7:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
8:02 PM Reel Smaht
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Fan to Fan
9:30 PM Books and the World
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday February 21, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Health Expert
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Glass Studio on Cape Cod
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM Arts Alive
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Mattapoisett Library - Rare Books
5:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling Movie Review
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday February 22, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM You and Your Health
8:30 AM Health Expert
9:07 AM Wellness Wednesday
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM The Friends of Jack Foundation
11:30 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Garden Therapy Teas and Oils
2:00 PM The Non-Profit World
2:30 PM Garden Talk with Teresa
3:00 PM Car Enthusiasts with Richard Cutler
3:30 PM Life's Happy Stories
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM Reel Smaht
5:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
5:35 PM Off the Shelf
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM The Friends of Jack Foundation
7:30 PM Beyond my Cri
8:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
9:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday February 23, 2022
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM On the Move
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM White House Chronicle
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Conversations in Mental Health
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM Wellness Wednesdays
3:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
3:35 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast
4:30 PM OC Boys Basketball vs Upper Cape Tech
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Recovery Recreation TV
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:03 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Backyard Birds
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Planning Board
10:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
12:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
1:30 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
2:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
4:00 PM Marion Board of Health
4:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing
5:30 PM Marion School Committee
6:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
7:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 PM Marion Planning Board
10:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
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Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
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7:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
12:30 PM Rochester School Committee
2:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
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3:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
5:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
7:30 PM Rochester School Committee
9:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:30 PM Rochester Planning Board

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Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR Joint School Committee
10:00 AM ORR School Committee
11:30 AM ORR Hall of Fame with Buddy Thomas
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Old Colony Shakespeare Drama
2:30 PM Cable History of Old Colony
3:30 PM ORR Pep Rally
4:30 PM Sippican Talent Show 2020
5:30 PM Sippican 4th Grade Band
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Somerset Berkley
7:30 PM OC Girls Basketball vs Tri-County Tech
9:00 PM ORR Basketball vs Case High School
10:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee

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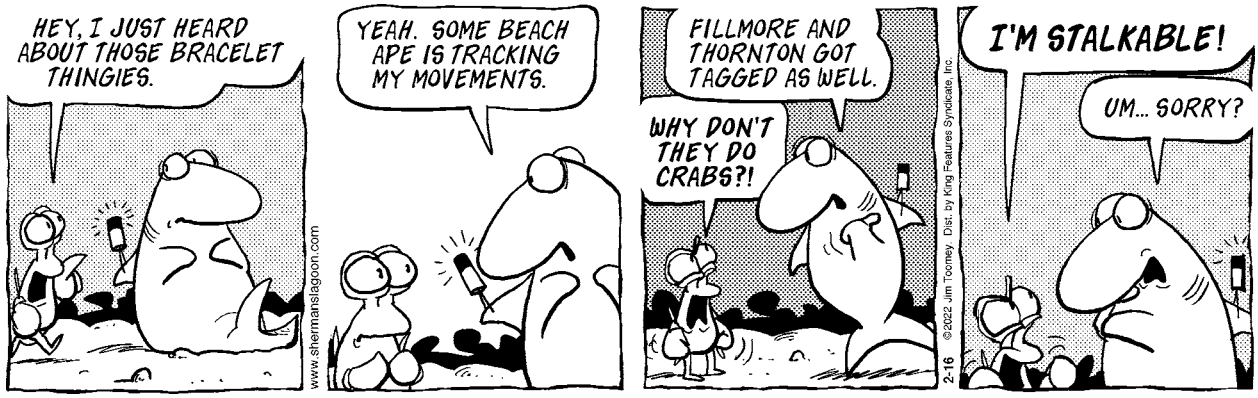
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



Ice Arena on Thursday, February 17, at 8:30 pm.

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, Feb 21: Presidents Day – No meals served
Tuesday, Feb 22: Hot dog, baked beans, hot German slaw, hot dog roll, peaches
Wednesday, Feb 23: Tortellini w/primavera sauce, Italian blend, multigrain roll, red velvet cake, diet low-sugar cake
Thursday, Feb 24: Chicken ala vodka w/penne pasta, peas, whole wheat bread, pears
Friday, Feb 25: Broccoli & cheese omelet, hash browns, peppers & onion, fruit loaf, orange juice

Letters to the Editor

The views expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, its staff or advertisers. The Wanderer will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the great Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester area, provided they include the author's name, address and phone number for verification. We cannot publish anonymous, unsigned or unconfirmed submissions. The Wanderer reserves the right to edit, condense and otherwise alter submissions for purposes of clarity and/or spacing considerations. The Wanderer may choose to not run letters that thank businesses, and The Wanderer has the right to edit letters to omit business names. The Wanderer also reserves the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence.

To the Editor,

Shave and a Haircut: "Two Bits" Celebrating Black History in Mattapoisett - What's to celebrate? Not a great deal in our town history. But as Mattapoisett resident Jessica DeCicco-Carey makes clear in her 2021 Crow's Nest article "The Barber of Church Street," Black man, Abraham Skidmore, created a place here for himself and his wife from 1899 to 1954 and did us proud. Skid, as he was called, was the town's barber, band organizer, parade marshal, newspaper carriers' friend and a person ready with a helping hand when the need arose.

Jessica DeCicco-Carey's article tells the Skidmores' story and tells it well. "Skid," as nearly everyone called him, was born in Oxford, North Carolina in 1878. He had enough schooling and the gumption to leave the Jim Crow South and head north. After a brief period in New Jersey, he moved on to New Bedford where he trained to be a barber. Not long afterward, he read that the barbershop at Mattapoisett's old Purrington Hall on Water Street was for sale. He packed his belongings into a trunk, took the train to Mattapoisett and purchased the shop. Soon afterward, he opened his "First-Class Tonsorial Parlor" offering "Ladies' and Children's Hair Cutting Done In Bangs and All Styles." The last line of his half-page ad in the 1903-1904 "Resident and Business Directory of Rochester, Wareham, Marion and Mattapoisett" added "Shaving, Shampooing and Men's Hair Cutting a Specialty. Razors Honed."

According to its Wikipedia history, the universally popular call and response couplet "Shave and a Haircut, Two bits" originated in 1899, the year Skidmore opened his shop where two bits, slang for a quarter, would get you a shave and a haircut. And he kept his rates low. DeCicco-Carey's article quotes him as saying: "Most barbers charge a dollar, but I could never do that."

As time went on, he moved his shop to the Abbe & Griffin Store, next to the Shaw and Barrows Store and then on to its current site on Church Street where Jodi Bauer carries on the business to this day. She treats the premises as an informal working memorial to Skid and to his friend Al Morgado who kept the business going after Skid died. Bauer acquired it from Morgado when he retired.

Over the course of his career, Skidmore became a town institution. DeCicco-Carey's account tells the story. He married Anna Calhoun, a servant at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I.in 1903. The Skidmores settled on

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Myron S. (Mike) Mazer 85, of Mattapoisett, died February 1st after a long illness. Mike was born in Boston, and attended Boston Latin School where in his yearbook, it was written "He well knows what it is to be the favored friend of many", a quote he lived up to all his life. He received his Bachelor's degree from Boston University and his medical degree with Alpha Omega Alpha honors at University of Cincinnati where he was granted a Junior National Institute of Health fellowship in Gastroenterology. While at the University of Cincinnati Medical School, he volunteered to take the experimental polio vaccine developed by Dr. Albert Sabin and to attend and care for highly infectious patients who could not be admitted to the hospital and needed to be isolated into a separate facility outside the hospital environment. He did his residency at the Boston City Hospital on the Tufts medical service. He became a Fellow of Cardiovascular disease at West Roxbury VA Hospital, under the tutelage of Dr. David Littman and Dr. Eugene Braunwald including rotations through the Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital. He worked with Dr. Littman in the development of the Littman stethoscope. Mike practiced medicine for 35 years, while serving as Chief of Cardiology and Chief of Kidney Disease at the Good Samaritan Medical Center until his retirement in 1997. When asked of his achievements in his career, Dr. Mazer states "to have had the honor and privilege with his insatiable desire to be there for others who are in need of medical care and help. There can be no greater achievement in life". He developed the first acute hemodialysis on the south shore of Massachusetts, also his team's discovery and the first documentation of a Left Ventricular Myxoma by ultrasonography in 1982 subsequently published in the American Heart Journal. He was a LCDR, U.S. Navy, retired, having volunteered for active duty during the Vietnam War. After retiring, he renewed his endeavor in painting both in watercolor and oil and became a nationally and internationally award winning artist and a two-term President of the New England Watercolor Society. He was a designated U.S. Coast Guard artist, and exhibited his work across the county with many of his paintings in museums and public and private collections across the country. He was awarded the "Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2017 by Marquis Who's Who Publishers. His work has been published in many Art books and an image of his watercolor titled "The Whaleman Statue" is on the cover of the book "A Bold and Hardy Race of Men: The Lives and Literature of American Whalemen" published by University of Mass Press. He leaves his wife of 35 years, Marilyn (Wood) Mazer, a daughter Pamela A. Mazer, a son Mark A. Mazer, and a sister Elaine R. Saunders. Mike was the son of the late Louis and Belle (Block) Mazer. He was formerly married to Barbara (Kane) Mazer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Boston Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215. Private arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Paul Henry Rossi, 50, of Stuart, FL, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, December 19, 2021.

He was the son of Paula J. Schaaf of Port St Lucie, FL, and the late Philip N Rossi, Sr. of Wareham, MA. Paul was a former resident of Marion and moved to Florida in 1995.

Paul was involved with Carefree Boating Services for many years then was employed as Manager of Avis/Budget Car Rental for 5 years. He was a member of The Grace Place church in Stuart, FL.

He was predeceased by his stepfather Paul A Schaaf, and his brother Philip N Rossi Jr.

He is survived by his mother, Paula J Schaaf; his aunt Gloria H Bogins and his uncle William H. Bogins. He is also survived by his sister Lisajane Rossi and her children, Joshua Nawoichik, Nathan Nawoichik, Jarred Nawoichik, Mathew Nawoichik, Eva Louise Nawoichik and their father Robert J. Nawoichik, as well as his nephew, Brandon P Rossi, son of the late Philip N Rossi Jr.

A short graveside ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Evergreen Cemetery, Marion at 2:00 pm.

For directions or to leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com

Dennis R. Dube, 71, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, February 10, 2022. He was the husband of the late Beverly (Rounsevell) Dube.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late Roland and Juliette (Gonneville) Dube.

Dennis loved boating, the ocean, and playing with his grandkids. He enjoyed reading the weekend newspaper with his wife at Ned's Point Lighthouse. Dennis owned and operated The Optical Lab with his brother for many years.

Survivors include his children, Evan Dube and his wife Christy of Marion, and Laura Cohen and her husband Philip of Hopkinton; his sister, Diane Tichon; a brother, Ronald Dube; and his grandchildren Alexandra, Madeleine, Charles, Oliver, and Emilia.

His memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, February 17th from 3-6 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Dennis and Beverly's memory to Community Nurse Home Care at https://www.communitynurse.com/donate/

Pine Island Road. With no children of his own, Skidmore welcomed town kids into his shop where they could hang out until the Standard Times dropped off the day's edition for them to deliver. And he assumed the role of parade master for the Fourth of July's annual children's march through town.

This Black History Month it would be appropriate if we could add more to the account of this early Black Citizen. Did he own an automobile? Was his shop an informal gathering place for socializing? Could Skid and Anna be seated in the main dining room at the Anchorage by the Sea or at the town's other restaurants? A heart wrenching fact reported by DeCicco-Carey is that only six people showed up for Skidmore's funeral after he died at age 76 in 1954. The lack of collective grief at the loss of the town's marching barber, its singular Black personality, prompts one to ask how seriously the town took Skidmore in his day. While we may never know, it seems appropriate to pay our respects to Abraham and Anna Skidmore during this Black History Month.
David R. Anderson

Academic Achievements

Tufts University recently announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester. Dean's List Honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater. This year's list includes: **Charlie Dineen** of Marion Class of 2023, **Rosemary Loer** of Mattapoisett

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TriTown Happenings

Miniature mountains of dirty snow resemble a moonscape at Town Beach by Barstow Wharf in Mattapoisett. Since a classic Nor'easter dumped up to 20 inches of snow on the south coast weeks ago, the area was hit again last weekend. Photo by Marilou Newell

Mattapoisett Police Detective Scott LeBlanc made an appearance at Old Hammondtown School on Friday, when Emily DeBortoli (Italia shirt) and many other fifth graders learned about investigating crime scenes outside the school building. Photos by Ryan Feeney

Photo by Robert Pina

On February 12, members of the Mattapoisett Town Hall staff along with Select Board member Jodi Bauer distributed rapid Covid test kits to town residents. Town Administrator Mike Lorenco said the town received 1,700 kits for distribution. Photo by Marilou Newell

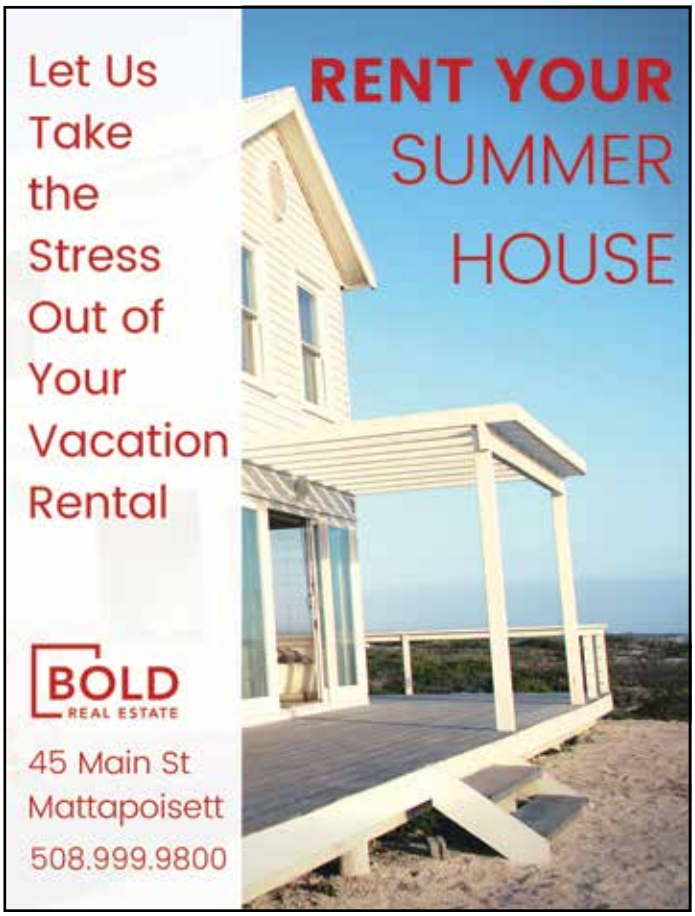
These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Class of 2023, **Grace Russell** of Mattapoisett Class of 2023 and **Emma Vivino** of Marion Class of 2025

Rochester resident **Hannah Nadeau** has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Fall 2021 semester. During the fall semester, Nadeau was enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies/ Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) program.

Mattapoisett resident Elizabeth **Marie Bungert** has been named to Husson University's Honors List for the Fall 2021 semester. During the Fall semester, Bungert was enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program.

The following students were named to the Dean's



Movie Review

STREAMING THE OSCARS

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Are you one of those folks who endeavor to see as many Oscar-nominated films as possible before Oscar night (this year, March 27)? If so, you've probably found the process easier the past few years, as the usual Oscar fodder has largely moved from theaters to streaming. Some you can see for "free," if you subscribe to the right streaming services or know how to game the free-trial system. Some, you're going to have to pay for, though you still won't have to vacate the couch. And one or two may require some legwork — but that's far fewer than there used to be. Anyway, here's how to find the major nominees. In alphabetical order:

Ascension (Best Documentary) - Streaming for "free" on Paramount+.

Attica (Best Documentary) - Streaming for "free" on Amazon Prime.

Being the Ricardos (Best Actor, Actress) - Streaming for "free" on Netflix.

Belfast (Best Picture, Director) - Rent or buy for $19.99 on AppleTV; coming to DVD/Blu-ray on March 1.

CODA (Best Picture, Supporting Actor) - Streaming for "free" on AppleTV.

Don't Look Up (Best Picture) - Streaming for "free" on Netflix.

Drive My Car (Best Picture, Director, International Feature) - Coming to HBO Max on March 2.

Dune (Best Picture) - Rent ($5.99) or buy ($19.99) on AppleTV, Vudu, YouTube, Amazon. Also on DVD/Blu-ray.

Encanto (Best Animated Feature) - Streaming for "free" on Disney+; rent for $5.99 on AppleTV. Just came out on DVD/Blu-ray.

Flee (Best Animated Feature, International Feature, Documentary) - Streaming for "free" on Hulu; rent for $1.99 on Amazon Prime. Off-the-cuff prediction: Since **Drive My Car** is a lock for Best International Feature and **Summer of Soul** is the favorite for Best Documentary, I'll say this will end up with Best Animated Feature.

The Hand of God (Best International Feature) - Streaming for "free" on Netflix.

King Richard (Best Picture, Actor, Supporting Actress) - Rent or buy for $19.99 on AppleTV. Also on DVD/Blu-ray.

Licorice Pizza (Best Picture, Director) - Only in theaters (Picture Show in Fall River, Island Cinemas in Middletown, RI).

The Lost Daughter (Best Actress, Screenplay) - Streaming for "free" on Netflix.

Luca (Best Animated Feature) - Streaming for "free" on Disney+. Also on DVD/Blu-ray.

Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom (Best International Feature) - Rent for $4.99 at AppleTV.

The Mitchells Vs. the Machines (Best Animated Feature) - Streaming for "free" on Netflix. Also on DVD/Blu-ray.

Nightmare Alley (Best Picture) - Streaming for "free" on Hulu and HBO Max. DVD/Blu-ray release estimated for March. The original 1947 version is not streaming anywhere, but the DVD can be requested through your local library (as can any of the other films on disc).

The Power of the Dog (Best Picture, Director, Actor, etc.) - Streaming for "free" on Netflix. As with **Don't Look Up**, it may be a while before Netflix deigns to give it a physical release. Since The Criterion Collection has released Jane Campion films and Netflix films, I'm guessing they'll do this one.

Raya and the Last Dragon (Best Animated Feature) - Streaming for "free" on Disney+. Also on DVD/Blu-ray.

Summer of Soul (Best Documentary) - Streaming for "free" on Hulu; also on DVD.

The Tragedy of Macbeth (Best Actor, Cinematography) - Streaming for "free" on AppleTV.

West Side Story (Best Picture, Director, etc.) - Still in a few theaters (Showcase in Seekonk may be your best bet). If you can wait, it's coming to Disney+ and HBO Max on March 2. DVD/Blu-ray release should be sometime thereafter.

The Worst Person in the World (Best International Feature) - Not streaming anywhere, and the closest theater playing it is in New York City.

Writing with Fire (Best Documentary) - You'll have to wait till March 22 to catch this on PBS — five days before Oscar night.

Happy hunting…

List at Saint Michael's College for the Fall 2021 semester:
-M**artha MacGregor**, a senior business administration major from Rochester.
-**Grace Filloramo**, a senior media studies and digital arts major from Rochester and a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School.
-**Elsie Buckley**, a junior psychology major from Rochester and a graduate of Old Rochester Regional High School.

Bryant University is pleased to recognize the students who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement. The following students have been named to the Deans' List for the fall 2021 semester:
-**Raegan Rapoza**, Class of 2025, from Marion
-**Margaret Adams**, Class of 2023, from Mattapoisett
-**Alexandra Fluegel**, Class of 2023, from Mattapoisett
-**James Dwyer**, Class of 2022, from Mattapoisett
-**Sydney Mendonca**, Class of 2024, from Mattapoisett
-**Aiden Woods**, Class of 2024, from Marion

Sadie Stanton of Marion and **Sarah Sollauer** of Rochester have made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the Fall 2021 semester.

Western New England University (WNE) is pleased to announce that **Sienna Wurl** of Mattapoisett has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester 2021. Wurl is one of over 700 students who achieved this mark of academic excellence. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

New Saturday Hours at the Marion Natural History Museum

There are new Saturday hours at the Marion Natural History Museum on the third Saturday of the month from 10 to 12. We will be open the following Saturdays: **February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21 and June 18**

Let's have fun visiting the exhibits, playing with Legos and crafting at the museum. Admission is free. Masks are required.

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You can get answers to these questions and more by registering to take a Boating Skills and Seamanship Course that will be offered by the Onset/Marion Flotilla 63 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the West Wareham Fire station #2 in the Training Room at 2368

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7 Fold in a skirt
12 Jolie of film
20 The "R" of 33-Down
21 Actor Cox
22 Prepared for storage, as a hose
23 Endlessly repeating programming problem
25 Fashion designer in "The Incredibles"
26 Hwy. felony
27 Man-mouse middle
28 What iPads run on
30 "Boston Legal" actor James
31 Higher, spiritual level of awareness
38 Get a whiff of
40 Lift to check the weight of
41 Gig hookup
42 PC key abbr.
43 Elicitor of a major "Whew!"
46 Zodiac ram
48 Truckload
51 Basso solo, e.g.
52 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
53 Head honcho
57 Some hole menders
59 Force unit
60 Bouffant, e.g.
61 Pipe joint
62 — Yello (Coca-Cola brand)
64 China's Zhou —
68 Sharon of "Cagney & Lacey"
69 M114 howitzer, e.g.
72 Prickly shrub
75 Occurrence
76 — d'Or (Cannes award)
77 G-man, e.g.
80 Cousin's mommy
82 Actresses Carrere and Mowry
84 "Look here as well," in a reference book
86 1931 crime film starring Edward G. Robinson
90 — Juan
91 Late hours, in ads
92 Minneapolis-Montreal dir.
93 King of CNN
94 1971 Elton John song
97 CD- — drive
100 Comical Costello
101 Just OK
102 Microwaves
103 Bacterium, e.g.
109 Blissful
110 "General" of Chinese cuisine
111 Miracle- — (plant food)
112 Vocalist Sumac
115 Not together
118 2, for helium
123 Like rags
124 Follow, as a pointer
125 Join a force
126 Evaluates
127 Partner of Cheech
128 Chinese system of calisthenics

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1 Quite dry
2 Bill of fare
3 She may be a gofer
4 Wallach of "Lord Jim"
5 Actor Affleck
6 Universal truth
7 "Amen, pastor!"
8 Online chuckle
9 Roxy Music's Brian
10 Put holy oil on
11 Manuscript mistakes
12 King beater
13 Nonverbal "yes"
14 Knife of old infomercials
15 Pass, as time
16 French racing city
17 "Upon my word!"
18 "David" and "The Thinker"
19 Imitating sorts
24 Prefix with state
29 Make afraid
32 Fake fat in some chips
33 Kind of camera, in brief
34 Just-OK grade
35 — a mile (not even close)
36 "Yes, sign me up"
37 14-member oil gp.
38 Color
39 Wall painting
44 Did it wrong
45 "Gigi" star Caron
46 G-man, e.g.
47 "Quiet down"
49 Chances
50 New Mexico skiing spot
54 Lethargy
55 "You got that right!"
56 Floral symbol of purity
58 Former "Top Chef" judge
59 Rounded roof
63 "P.S. I — U" (old TV show)
65 They may be glossed over
66 Carte lead-in
67 "You got that right!"
69 "Joey" star LeBlanc
70 Anxious
71 Make revisions to
72 Farm bundle
73 Lay waste to
74 Picks off, as a pass
77 Lighter catchphrase in old ads
78 Lauder of fragrances
79 Active types
81 Sometimes-jellied fish
83 — -Detoo (sci-fi droid)
85 Latin for "year"
87 Trig is a prereq for it
88 Ending for buck or stink
89 Spew lava
90 Being amorous, to Brits
95 Jerusalem's nation: Abbr.
96 Darth Vader, as a kid
98 Rococo
99 Watery silks
101 Whiskey type
103 Political hostess Perle
104 Thoughts
105 Injury marks
106 Singer Hayes
107 Bow's shape
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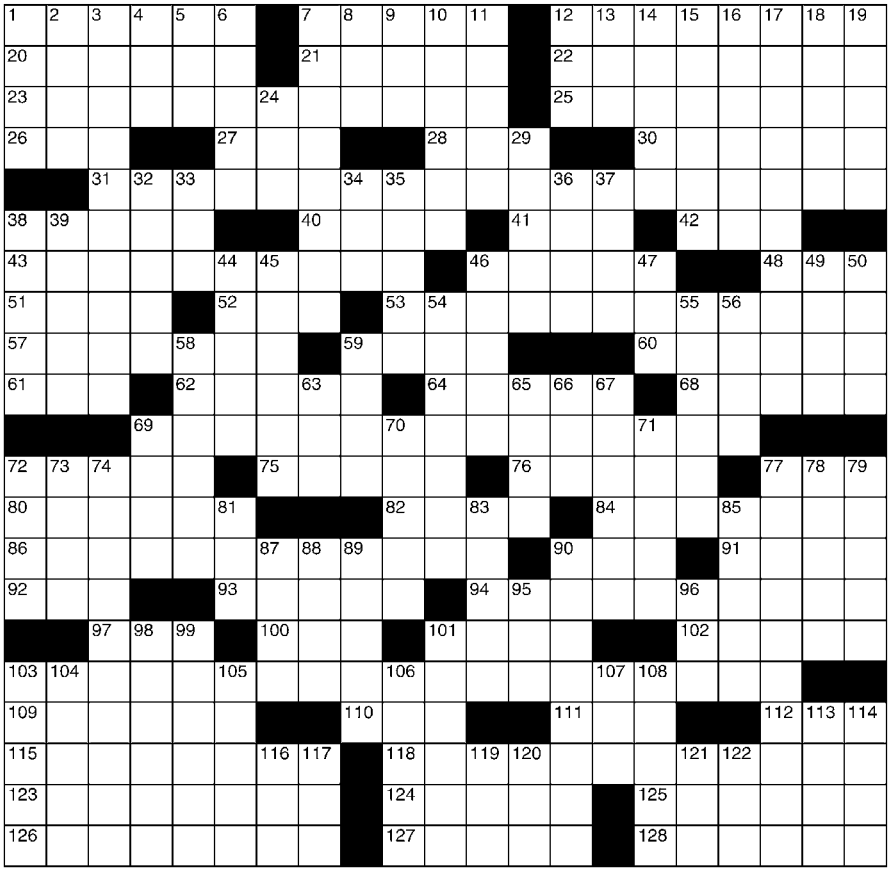

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A close friend or relative has news that can change some of your plans. Be flexible. You could be in for a most-pleasant surprise at how things turn out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new opportunity opens just as you close the door on an earlier project. However, you should be prepared to make adjustments in your expectations.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Expect a surprise ally in your corner when you confront a still-uncertain situation in your workplace. In your personal life, a family member has good news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A co-worker could resent what he or she might perceive as arrogance on your part. Smooth things over with a full explanation to avoid a serious misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There is no time for catnaps this week. A workplace problem needs your attention before it gets out of hand. Ditto a financial matter that must be resolved as soon as possible.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pressuring someone to act quickly on a problem could backfire. It makes good sense to be both patient and supportive if you want full cooperation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A touch of uncertainty lurks in your aspect this week. Weigh all decisions -- personal and professional -- even more carefully than you usually do.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You need to use your innate good sense to help you sort through career offers that might not be what they appear. A trusted associate can help.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Things move along more smoothly at work, but a personal relationship presents some challenges that need close attention.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Positive observations resolve the last lingering doubts about a recent move. Now you need to work on that still-pesky problem with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be a generous soul, but avoid being taken advantage of by those who have their own agendas. If you have any doubts, get out before regret sets in.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your strength might be tested by conflicting priorities in your personal life. Weigh the facts and then make the only choice you can: the right one.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a deep sense of honesty and spirituality. People instinctively put their trust in you to lead them to the light.

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Cranberry Highway, West Wareham, Massachusetts.

Registration and classes will begin on Thursday, **March 3** at 7:00 pm. This course is directed to the first time boater and as a great review for the more experienced boater. Subjects to be covered include "Which Boat is for you," "Equipment for your Boat," "Trailering your Boat," "Handling your Boat," "Your Highway Signs," "The Rules you must follow." There is a minimal fee of $40.00 for course materials.

For more information, contact Warren Washburn after 6:00 p.m. at (508) 789-3680.

Marion Natural History Museum

We will be hosting several programs for adults this winter into spring at the Marion Natural History Museum including Wednesday morning community/senior programs – 10:30 to 11:30

"Butterfly Man"- **March 9** - Joe Dwelly a Yarmouth resident, will be visiting the Marion Natural History Museum to share what he knows about our local species. Mr. Dwelly will give advice about where they can be found and how community members can attract them to their own backyards. For Dwelly, "It's important to raise awareness about how butterflies contribute to the biodiversity of the area. Butterfly conservation matters because it will improve the local environment," Dwelly says. "In terms of wildlife, but also the beauty they bring to our shores." Not only will he teach attendees about particular habitat and migration patterns, Dwelly will also profile plant and butterfly "pairings," which can run the gamut. And for the southeastern Massachusetts area, that means he will highlight a handful of his favorites, including Monarchs and milkweed, the Spicebush Swallowtail and sassafras, and the Mourning Cloak and hackberry. "We are limited up north because of our particular climate," Dwelly says. "But by becoming familiar with the exceptional grasslands and plant habitats, we can support a diverse range of unique butterflies."

Unique Birds of Marion - **March 30** - Justin Barrett of the Nasketucket Bird Club will be discussing our native bird species. We'll explore some of the most unique and rare birds that call Marion home or use it as a stopover site during migration. Join us to see what makes Marion the perfect place for these birds.

To Bee or Not to BEE - Creating a pollinator garden for bees – **April 6**

There's a lot of "buzz" about pollinators these days. Protect our pollinators. Save the bees. Avoid "spicy bees." It's no question. Pollinators are critical to the life we are familiar with today. What exactly defines a "bee" or any other insect pollinator. How are they different from other animals? Each of these insects have unique requirements, behaviors and seasonality. If we truly want to help bees, we need to think about the biology of bees. What plants should we grow to best suit any dietary restrictions? How should we treat our gardens and yards to provide suitable homes? What habits do we have today that might be negatively impacting their populations (even if inadvertent?)

Together, we will review the following:

-Biology of what defines a bee (pollinator?)
-Unique challenges bees face
-Gardening tips to helps support our insect pollinators
-Can we modify those trends to accommodate for our native species?
-Is there anything else we can do beyond gardening?

The above listed programs are free programs but preregistration is required. To register, please go to www.marionmuseum.org and send us an email. Facemasks will

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Mattapoisett Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday March 21st, 2022, at 6:30 pm on a proposed Mattapoisett Solar Zoning Bylaw. The Solar Zoning Bylaw is available for review on the Town of Mattapoisett Webpage www.mattapoisett.net and copies are available at the Office of the Mattapoisett Selectboard, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA. 02739 between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm Monday thru Friday.

Persons interested in the proposed Bylaw should join the Public Hearing on March 21st, 2022, at which time they can ask questions and give oral comments or submit written comments. Those wishing to be in attendance in person at this meeting may do so on March 21st, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room at 16 Main Street. This hearing will also be on Zoom the evening of March 21st, and can be accessed by the Zoom address at the bottom of this notice.

On March 7th, 2022, on the regular agenda of the Mattapoisett Planning Board the proposed zoning bylaw will be on for informal general discussion and comments at 7 pm. This meeting will be part of the Planning Board's regular meeting agenda for March 7th 2022 and the notice of meeting as to location will be posted with the regular meeting location on the Town's Web Page, 48 hours in advance of the meeting pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.
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Phone: 1 646 876 9923 2/10, 2/17

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:55 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 1st floor Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, regarding an Alteration of Premise submitted by Turk's Seafood, Inc. located at 83 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant and manager on record is Richard Pasquill. The Alteration of Premise will be to permanently allow the outdoor dining patio built and used during COVID restrictions.

Zoom information will be provided in Select Board Posting. 2/10, 2/17

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TOWN OF MARION
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday February 18, 2022 beginning at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held by Zoom with details available at the Town House. The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- Review, amend and approve minutes of February 4, 2022 meeting
- Review and discuss applications for CPA funding

- Town of Marion – Town House Sprinkler and ADA Compliance Design and Bid Specification: $124,000
- Town of Marion – Town House Main Street Restoration: $240,000
- Marion Garden Group – Garden Irrigation Project: $75,000
- Town of Marion Historical Commission – Cultural and Historic Resource Inventory: $35,000
- Town of Marion Cushing Community Center Working Group – Fencing, Benches and Litter Receptacles: $26,811
- Town of Marion Pathways Committee – Shared Use Path Easement Appraisals: $18,000
- Sippican Historical Society – Preservation and Digitalization of Materials: $25,000
- Town of Marion Open Space Committee – Great Swamp Forestry Plan: $1,850
- Town of Marion Open Space Committee – Open Space Acquisition Criteria Update: $8,600
- Marion Natural History Museum - Collections Cataloging, Displays & Exhibit Space Improvements: $41,500

Jeff Doubrava, CPC Chair 2/10, 2/17

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on the Notice of Intent submitted by Homes For Our Troops for Noyes Avenue, Map 12A, Lot 3 in Mattapoisett, MA. The applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling with septic system and well within the 100-foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.
**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/17

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #802

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

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will hold an online public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 10, 2022 on the application of Eugeria Properties LLC for a Special Permit under section 230-6.1(c) of the zoning by-law to allow the expansion of an existing front porch and to add a second floor, center bay window.

The property, located at 10 Main Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 16 as Lot 163.
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson
**Please contact Anne Marie Tobia at 508-748-3516 or atobia@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments. 2/17, 2/24

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 4 , 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Buzzards Bay Management, LLC. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicants propose to reconstruct a concrete boat ramp, construct a timber wave attenuator and install additional pile held floating docks to create new boat slips.

The proposed work will be performed within Land Under Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.

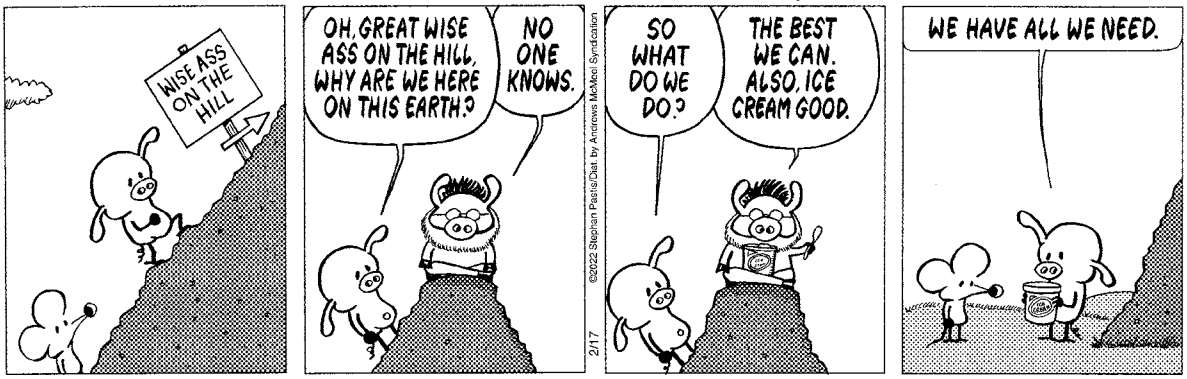
The property is located at 21 Dupont Drive which is further identified as Lot #88 on Assessors Map #14B.
**Contact concomm@mattapoisett.net for the Zoom Meeting Information. 2/17

TOWN OF MATTAPOSIETT
SELECT BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:45 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall 1st floor Conference Room,16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA upon the application of POI Market, 33 County Street, Store 5, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, for a new Wine and Malt Package Store License. The applicant and manager of record will be Michael Sudofsky, P. O. Box 186, Marion, MA.

Zoom information will be provided in Select Board Posting. 2/10, 2/17

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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New Exhibit at the Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center is pleased to present its newest exhibit, Exploring Native American Culture: Art, Craft, and Inspiration, with works by Max Brown-Garcia, Makerjake and Vincent Mancini. The exhibit showcases three unique experiences of Native American culture. Brown-Garcia's craftwork, including an eagle feather bustle, staff and regalia, offers a glimpse into his firsthand Native male perspective. Makerjake (a pseudonym for artist/educator Jacob Ginga,) descended from a large Native American family filled with indigenous craftspeople, finds himself "occupying the cultural space between his Indigenous ancestors and his traditional middle-class upbringing." His paintings, prints, and drawings, which he sees as studies in visual culture, are also vehicles to explore the "emotionally complicated space" in which he exists. Lastly, Mancini, who is not Native, creates works inspired by Native American culture and spirituality through a process called feather lineation. The process involves delineating an image by arranging segments of cut feathers in a geometric pattern. Mancini is "particularly interested in challenging perceptions, stereotypes and expectations of Native American culture." Mancini, along with New Bedford resident, artist and curator Jess Bregoli, were integral to bringing these artists and their works to the MAC.

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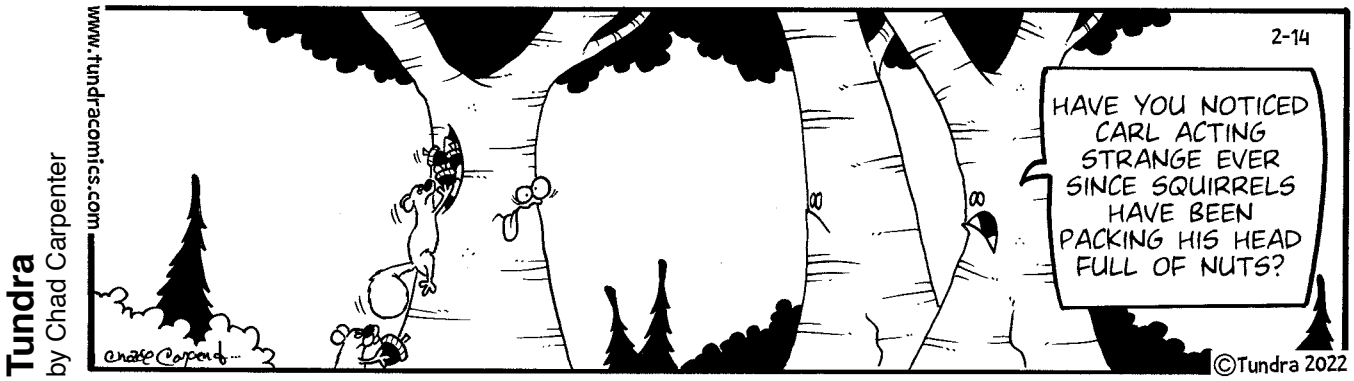
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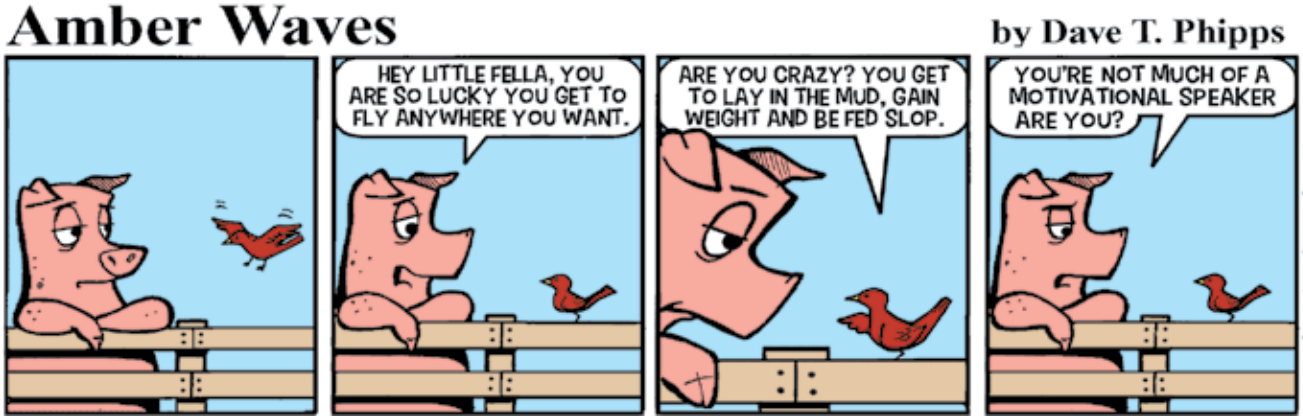
Amber Waves
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HEY LITTLE FELLA, YOU ARE SO LUCKY YOU GET TO FLY ANYWHERE YOU WANT.
ARE YOU CRAZY? YOU GET TO LAY IN THE MUD, GAIN WEIGHT AND BE FED SLOP.
YOU'RE NOT MUCH OF A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER ARE YOU?

The exhibit runs February 18 through March 25, with a reception scheduled on Friday, **February 25** from 5:00-7:00pm at the Marion Art Center. Guests should check the MAC website for updates on in-person events, which are subject to change during local surges of COVID cases. All visitors must wear a mask while inside the Marion Art Center. Current gallery hours are Thurs-Sat 10am-2pm or other times during office hours (Tue-Fri, 10am-5pm) by calling ahead. Visit marionartcenter.org/-on-exhibit to learn more.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

One of the largest items in our museum collection is a spinning wheel from the estate of Charles Holmes loaned to the Historical Society by Oren and Pam Robinson. The spinning wheel was invented around 1400 and was used to spin wool into yarn for knitting. Spinning wheels come in many different sizes and with some different uses. Ours is a large one known as a "Walking" or "Great" wool wheel.

A typical walking wheel is about five feet tall. The large wheel turns a much smaller spindle. The spindle goes around multiple times with each turn of the wheel. The yarn is spun at an angle of the spindle tip and is then stored on the spindle. Unfortunately, our wheel lacks its spindle but still is a good example of this type.

To spin on the walking wheel, the spinner would hold fiber in her left hand and then slowly begin to turn the wheel with her right hand. As the wheel turned, the spinner would walk backwards and draw the fiber away from the spindle at an angle. Slowly, the spindle would fill with yarn. A good day's work for an active spinner would

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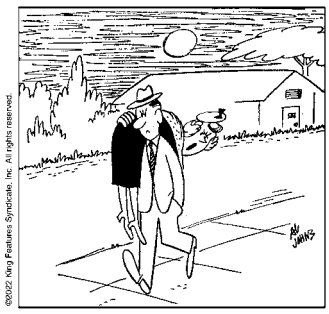

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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create about 6 skeins of yarn. It has been estimated that while creating these skeins, the spinner would walk the equivalent of 20 miles back and forth. Hence, the name, "Walking Wheel".

An interesting footnote is the origin of the word, spinster. In the dictionary, the first meaning is a woman who spins and the second is an unmarried woman. The reason for the second definition is that in colonial times, the work of spinning wool into yarn was most often done by an unmarried woman over the normal age for marriage with few financial resources. These women would earn their keep with their spinning. Today, both the wheel and the term "spinster" have been pretty much relegated to the past. I want to thank Cathy Phinney for her knowledge and research.

New Play at the Marion Art Center

The MAC Theater is pleased to present its first play of the season, The Puzzle with the Piazza, written by Mark Dunn and directed by Pippa Asker. The cast includes Oliver Asker, Cynthia Latham, Stephanie Lawrence, Susan Salveson and Susan Sullivan, with Donn Tyler as stage manager, sound and lighting by Steven McManus, and radio characterization by Tristan McCann.

Show Dates are **March 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20**, with Thursday, Friday & Saturday shows at 7:30pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00pm. Tickets are $18 for MAC members and $20 for nonmembers. Tickets go on sale to MAC members on Friday, Feb. 18 and to nonmembers on Friday, Feb. 25 at marionartcenter.org/events. All guests must provide proof of full vaccination to be allowed entry into the MAC Theater. Negative tests will no longer be accepted in lieu of vaccination. Each guest must wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth at all times while inside the Marion Art Center.

Synopsis: The Puzzle with the Piazza, a new full-length comedy-drama by Mark Dunn, author of Belles, Five Tellers Dancing in the Rain and The Glitter Girls, tells the story of septuagenarian Althea Witlin, who has one jigsaw puzzle among her large collection that she's never worked. It contains 3,000 pieces and she has less than a day to finish it because poor health has forced her to move in with her younger sister … without her puzzles. The Puzzle with the Piazza is a gentle, bittersweet comedy/drama about the fragility of family ties and the often much stronger bonds of friendship that lattice the final years of our lives.

Machacam Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 2.** We meet at the Legion Hall on Depot Street with social time beginning at 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm. Chef Colby will be preparing a full, satisfying meal. Our speaker for the evening is Joe Dawicki who will provide us with an interesting presentation of our own Ned's Point Lighthouse. Callers please communicate the results of your calls by 5pm Monday to 508-758-1326 or email to cwmccullough@comcast.net. New members are always welcomed.

From the Mattapoisett Town Clerk

The Town of Mattapoisett mailed out their 2022 Mattapoisett Census/Dog Licensing forms in January. If you have not returned your form yet, please do so as soon as possible. According to Massachusetts General Law, if you fail to return your census form, your voter status may be changed to inactive. On the bottom of the census is a form for dog licensing. If you enclose a payment, a current rabies certificate, and a self-addressed stamped envelope, your dog license will be mailed to you. Dogs must be licensed on or before March 31. If you did not receive a census form in the mail, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x2.

Nomination papers are available for the 2022 Mattapoisett Town Election at the Town Clerk's Office. There are many offices on the ballot this year including Selectman, Assessor, Mattapoisett School Committee, Old Rochester Regional District School Committee, Constable, Trustee of the Public Library, Moderator, Water & Sewer Commissioner, Board of Health, Planning Board, Mattapoisett Housing Authority and Community Preservation Committee. The last day to obtain nomination papers is Friday **March 25**. The Annual Town Election will be held on Tuesday, **May 17**. If you have any questions,

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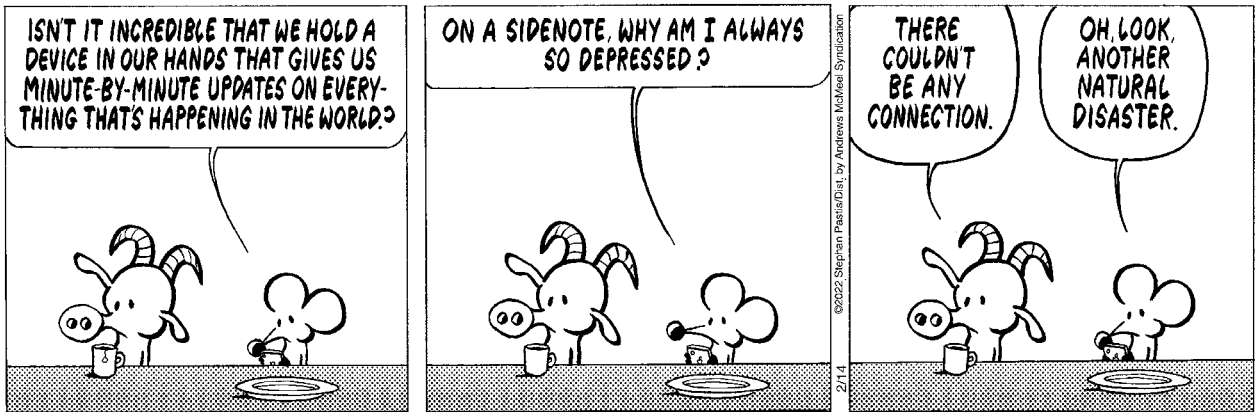


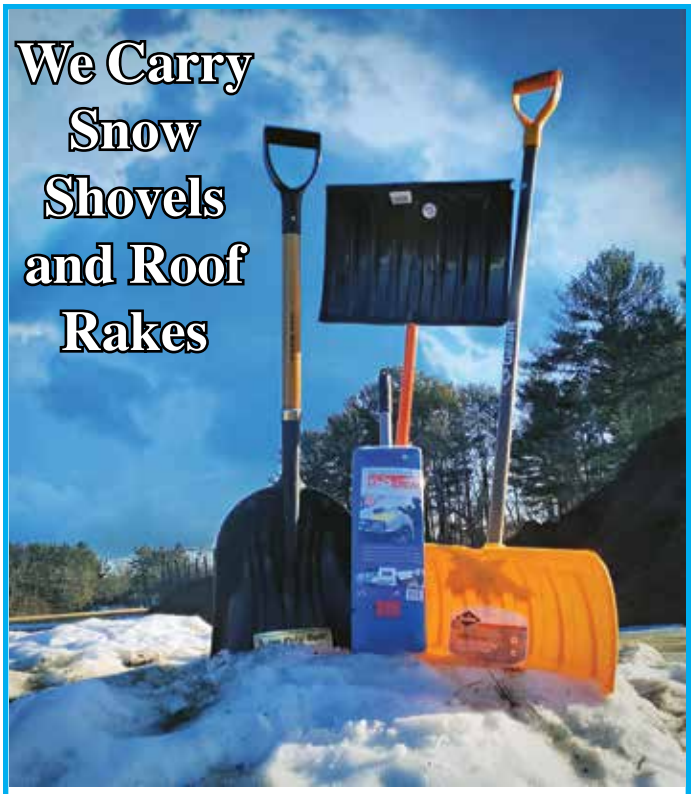
please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x2. More detailed information is located on the town website.

A friendly reminder to Mattapoisett harbor customers that bills for the upcoming 2022 boating season were mailed out on December 23. If an email address was on file, you would have received your invoice via email. Payments are due **February 28**. Failure to pay the invoice will result in a late fee and possible loss of space. If you have any questions regarding the billing, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4100 x2.

Trail Tale in Rochester Honors Black History Month

The Plumb Library and Rochester Land Trust are collaborating with Tri-Town Against Racism to offer a special Trail Tale honoring Black History Month. The Trail Tale at the George and Catherine Church Wildlife Conservation Area takes you on a half-mile walk through the woods as you read the poem "The Undefeated" written by Kwame Alexander and illustrated by Kadir Nelson. A powerful and popular picture book, "The Undefeated," was winner of the 2020 Caldecott Medal and 2020 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award.

"We are pleased to work with other organizations in the community during Black History Month," states Alison Noyce of Tri-Town Against Racism. "Learning about black history and reading books with our children that have diverse characters are important ways to develop compassion and understanding in our homes, schools and



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Madisyn delucca	February 19
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Darlene J. Blackett	February 20
Frank Beatriz	February 21
Georgie Barry	February 21
John R Romano	February 21
Jacob Nye	February 22
Jean Perry	February 22
Tres Elger	February 22
Andrew Hebert	February 23
Carl Achorn	February 23
Genevieve Hebert	February 23
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Matthew Lopez	February 23
Pamela Humphrey	February 23

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community."

Tri-Town Against Racism has also donated copies of "The Undefeated" to all grade three through six classrooms at Rochester Memorial School, Sippican School and Old Hammondtown School.

The 20-acre Church Wildlife Conservation Area is centrally located on 193 Marion Road (Route 105) near the center of town and its half-mile, easy walking trail. This property is a pine forest in transition with selective trees cut in the past few years to make way for new, healthy trees. While the forest is in transition, visitors will find many nooks and crannies from fallen trees that provide homes for animals.

The Plumb Library, located a mile from the Conservation Area at 17 Constitution Way has a special selection of books on display for Black History Month. Curated with Tri-Town against Racism, this special selection highlights diverse characters and includes books for all ages.

The Trail Tale will be available February 14 through 28 weather permitting.

Children's and Teen Programming at the Mattapoisett Library

Mattapoisett Free Public Library offers a variety of programs for children and teens in the final days of February

As the month of February begins to wind down, the fun continues at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library for children and teens.

Storytots continues on Thursday at 10:30 am. Bring your little ones for short stories and songs. No registration required.

Our monthly graphic novel book club for kids is meeting on **February 17** at 3:15 pm to discuss Anti/Hero with its author, Kate Karyus Quinn. Snacks will be served.

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Registered participants of the Quahog Book Award program are invited to attend a Craft Night at the library on **February 23** at 6:00 pm. Children must be registered participants to attend. Stop by the library for more

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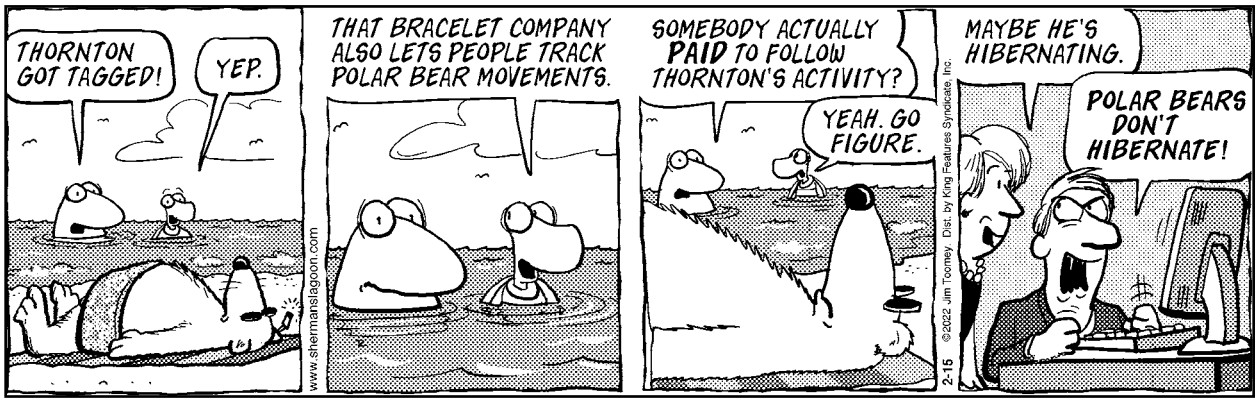

information.

The final session of Dungeons and Dragons for our young adult patrons is on Saturday, **February 19** at 1 pm. Join the adventurers as they make their way through the weeds to see if they can figure out the secrets of the sunless citadel. New players always welcome. Registration required. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

Teen Jeopardy Night is taking place on Tuesday, **February 22** at 6 pm. Teens will be challenged in categories such as Movies, Music, Sustainability and more. All participants win, but the ultimate prize goes to the final Jeopardy winner. No registration is required.

Bow Seat Awareness Programs presents The Funny Thing about Climate Change on **February 24** at 3 pm on Zoom. At this very special event, learn about the Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs and how they are inspiring today's youth to use their words, art and ingenuity to combat one of today's greatest issues, climate change. Bow Seat's Program Manager Eric Carstens joins us to discuss the power of creative communication, find inspiration from young artists worldwide, discuss examples of comedic climate communication and write collaborative poetry. He will also discuss their annual arts contest. Recommended for ages 11 and up. Please register by February 21.

Teens, don't forget to participate in our Winter Reading Program. You could win a $50 gift card. The program runs from January 15 to March 26. Patrons are welcome to participate on Beanstack or in paper form. Contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org with any questions.

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Marion Democratic Town Committee Caucus

The Marion Democratic Town Committee will meet virtually at 5:00 pm on **February 17** to elect three delegates and three alternates to the state Massachusetts Democratic Convention. The Convention will select Democratic Candidates for the September primary and will be held virtually and in person June 3 and 4 at the DCU Center, Worcester.

Registered Democrats in Marion who were 16 years old as of February 4, 2022, may vote and be elected. Youth ages 16-35, people with disabilities, people of color and the LGBTQ community can also apply at the caucus or at massdems.org/caucus.

The Zoom link for the caucus meeting is: us02web.zoom.us/j/85196336880?pwd=cjNpd2lhaWtJcXhOYjA4eWVmY0xIQT09

More information on the zoom link and for the meeting can be found on the Marion Democratic Town Committee Facebook page.

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Torraca, Anthony Torraca, Deborah	Marion Lands Trust LLC	369 Wareham Rd	Marion	02/01/2022	189,000.00

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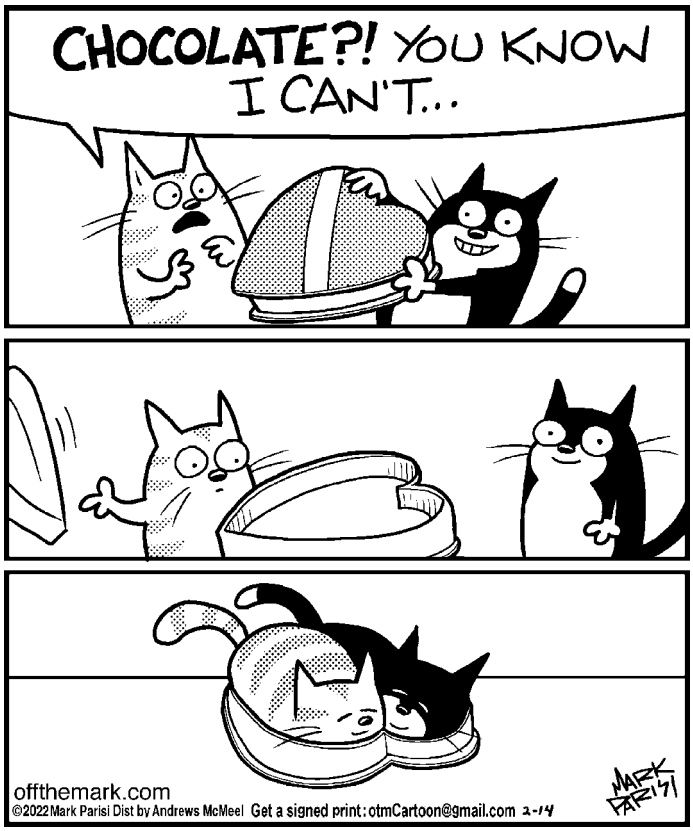
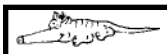


Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	February 17	8:14	8:37	1:43	2:23
Friday	February 18	8:52	9:17	2:23	2:51
Saturday	February 19	9:32	10:00	3:02	3:21
Sunday	February 20	10:17	10:46	3:42	3:53
Monday	February 21	11:07	11:36	4:24	4:31
Tuesday	February 22		12:00	5:12	5:15
Wednesday	February 23	12:31	12:58	6:13	6:11
Thursday	February 24	1:30	1:59	7:42	7:21
Friday	February 25	2:35	3:07	9:39	8:45
Saturday	February 26	3:48	4:19	10:49	10:08
Sunday	February 27	4:57	5:22	11:42	11:16
Monday	February 28	5:56	6:18		12:28
Tuesday	March 1	6:48	7:08	12:12	1:09
Wednesday	March 2	7:35	7:55	1:04	1:45
Thursday	March 3	8:20	8:41	1:53	2:17
Friday	March 4	9:04	9:25	2:36	2:47
Saturday	March 5	9:47	10:09	3:15	3:17
Sunday	March 6	10:31	10:54	3:52	3:49

Phases of the Moon		
	Last Quarter	February 23rd
	New Moon	March 2nd
	First Quarter	March 10th
	Full Moon	March 18th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

In the February 10, 2022 edition the Aardvark was on page 22!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

A	M	O	E	B	A		P	L	E	A	T		A	N	G	E	L	I	N	A
R	E	F	L	E	X		R	O	N	N	Y		C	O	I	L	E	D	U	P
I	N	F	I	N	I	T	E	L	O	O	P		E	D	N	A	M	O	D	E
D	U	I			O	R	A			I	O	S			S	P	A	D	E	R
		C	O	S	M	I	C	C	O	N	S	C	I	O	U	S	N	E	S	S
S	M	E	L	L			H	E	F	T		A	M	P		E	S	C		
H	U	G	E	R	E	L	I	E	F		A	R	I	E	S			L	O	T
A	R	I	A		R	E	T		B	I	G	E	N	C	H	I	L	A	D	A
D	A	R	N	E	R	S		D	Y	N	E				H	A	I	R	D	O
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A	U	N	T	I	E				T	I	A	S		S	E	E	A	L	S	O
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		R	O	M		L	O	U		S	O	S	O			N	U	K	E	S
M	I	C	R	O	S	C	O	P	I	C	O	R	G	A	N	I	S	M		
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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Beaker 2. Greater
3. Lactose; 4. Innate

Today's Word

TALKING

Sudoku Answer

6	5	2	1	4	3	9	8	7
1	7	8	9	5	2	6	4	3
9	3	4	8	6	7	1	2	5
7	1	9	5	2	4	3	6	8
2	6	3	7	1	8	5	9	4
4	8	5	6	3	9	2	7	1
3	2	1	4	7	6	8	5	9
5	9	7	2	8	1	4	3	6
8	4	6	3	9	5	7	1	2

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Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:
Friday, February 18 — Thursday, February 24, 2022

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Grocery, Dairy, Frozen & Bakery

Mott's
64 oz. Selected
Apple Juice
2/$6

11.2-12 oz. Selected
Bear Naked Granola **$3.99**

8 oz. Parmesan
Food Club
Grated Cheese **$2.99**

11-15.5 oz. Selected
Del Monte
Canned Vegetables ..... **2/$3**

15.25 oz. Selected Favorites
Betty Crocker Cake Mix ..... **2/$3**

12-16 oz. Selected
Betty Crocker Frosting ..... **2/$4**

28-29 oz. Sauce, Puree, or Selected
Contadina
Crushed Tomatoes ..... **2/$3**

8.5-12.5 oz. Selected
Keebler
Fudge Cookies **$3.99**

21 ct. Power Paks with Oxi or
43.75-50 oz. Liquid Selected
Arm & Hammer
Laundry Detergent **$4.99**
Keep Away from Children

64 oz. Selected
Blue Diamond
Almond Breeze ..... **2/$7**

Fresh Baked, 27 oz. 8 Inch Pkg.
Blueberry Pie **$5.99**

Store Made
Garlic Bread ..... **$2.99 ea.**

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Premium Certified
Black Angus
Boneless, New York
Sirloin Steak
$7.99 lb.

Boar's Head
SmokeMaster® Ham ..... **$9.99 lb.**

Boar's Head
Imported
Swiss Cheese ..... **$9.99 lb.**

Allen's
Boneless
Chicken Breasts
$4.99 lb.

Wine

750 ml Oregon, Pinot Noir
Battle Creek Cellars
Unconditional **$16.99**
Reg. Price: $17.99

750 ml Argentina, Malbec
Mendoza **$18.99**
Reg. Price: $19.99

750 ml Oregon, Pinot Gris
King Estate **$22.99**
Reg. Price: $24.99

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Citizen
Artifact
Stowe
Carlson Orchards

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8 oz. Ball
Bel Gioioso
Mozzarella Cheese **$2.99**

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Boar's Head
Gruyere Cheese **$6.99**

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Blockbuster Savings!

Friends' Premium Certified Black Angus **Sirloin Strip Steak** $16.99 lb.

Land O Lakes **American Cheese** $5.99 lb.

Post 13.5-16 oz. Selected **Great Grains Cereal** 2/$6

Yoplait 4-6 oz. Selected **Yogurt** 59¢

Coors Light 12 oz. Cans/Bottles **30 Pack** $27.99 + Dep.

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Reg. Price: $18.99

Quality Produce

Pint Blueberries	2/$7
Juicy Minneolas	$1.69 lb.
3 lb. Bag Clementines	$5.99
Crisp Iceberg Lettuce	$1.69 ea.
Seedless Cucumbers	$1.69 ea.
Summer or Zucchini Squash	$1.69 lb.

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